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INTRODUCTION.

The full account of the MSS. of the Dean and Chapter of Wells given by Mr. W. H. B. Bird in the Introduction to the first volume of this Calendar renders any general description of them unnecessary here. The present volume takes up the Calendar where Mr. Bird left off, and completes the Report.

As explained by Mr. Bird, the present Report is a much amplified reprint of the Report prepared for the Historical MSS. Commissioners by the late Rev. James Arthur Bennett, rector of South Cadbury, and issued in 1885. The arrangement of the documents in the present volume differs from that adopted by Mr. Bennett; an analysis of his volume is given by Mr. Bird (*p.* viii), from which it will be seen that the Account Rolls were placed after the extracts from the Act and Ledger Books, and that each set of accounts was treated separately.

It has now been considered that a strictly chronological arrangement is more useful to students, inasmuch as all the documents dealt with, though separate in form, are really parts of one whole and relate to one set of transactions, the records of the working of the Chapter. Thus, an entry in an account roll may be explained by an order of the Chapter, while documents referred to in the Act Books are often entered fully in the Ledger Books. Accordingly, all the documents (except the charters) will here be found in chronological order, the accounts being placed at the end of the year, when documents other than accounts also exist.

Obviously the charters do not fall in conveniently with this plan, and they have been placed together at the end of the volume, as before. A large number of these early deeds are undated. They were arranged, numbered and calendared a good many years ago by Mr. W. de Gray Birch, then of the British Museum. No attempt has been made to interfere with his arrangement or to disturb the numbering, even in cases where a document was clearly misplaced (*e.g. No.* 672).

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The loss of the Act Books prior to 1486 is much to be deplored. The two gaps, 1514–1571 and 1666–1683, are also most unfortunate ; the earlier hiatus leaves us in the dark as to the troublous times of Henry VIII and Mary and the early years of Elizabeth, while the 1666–1683 period, especially

the early part of it, would have shown us the Chapter once more settling down to regular routine after the enforced absence from 1645 to 1660. We must be thankful for two years of this period, 1664–1666, but it is clear that much remained to be done, both with regard to the staff and also the fabric and furniture.

The Act Books later than 1744 have not been examined.

(3) *Ledger Books.*

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These two volumes have been dealt with fully because there are no Act Books for the period covered by them ; they show very clearly the extraordinary and scandalous traffic that went on in connection with both episcopal and chapter property.

The later Ledger Books have been examined down to 1813, and various items of interest extracted.

The object of examining these books to so late a date was to clear up some topographical uncertainties with regard to the Canons' Barn, Montroy College and certain canonical houses, to which my attention was called by Canon Church. It seems quite clear that the College of Annuellars stood on the site of the large eighteenth century house at the corner of the North Liberty and Montroy or College Lane ; the extracts dated 1695, April 15 (*p.* 474), 1704–5, March 17 (*p.* 485), 1722, August 25 (*p.* 507), 1724, October 31 (*p.* 512), 1729, January 19 (*p.* 519), 1733, October 2 (*p.* 524), 1779, June 14 (*p.* 545), and 1791, May 2 (*p.* 545), leave no doubt on the point. It has been suggested, as I understand, that the College stood further north, and away from the two roads.

(4) *Charters.*

Nos. 1–922, *pp.* 546–724.

A full translation of Queen Elizabeth's charter to the Chapter was printed in 1881 by Mr. H. E. Reynolds (*Wells Cathedral*, *pp.* 243–278) ; it has therefore not been thought necessary to reprint this very lengthy document here. In the same work will be found (facing *p.* 240) a table of collations to priories and chantries in the cathedral for the years 1487 to 1513, extracted from Liber Ruber II ; the lists for 1487 and 1488 only are here printed (*pp.* 106, 112).

Anything like a general commentary on the documents here printed would be outside the scope of the Historical MSS. Commission, which is to provide material only. I venture, however, to make a few remarks about the Communar, Escheator and Master of the Fabric, and their accounts ; the functions of the two former are by no means obvious at first sight, and there seems to have been a certain amount of overlapping.

The accounts of the three spending officers are, as will be seen from the list, very incomplete, particularly those of the Master, Keeper or Clerk of the Fabric. The earlier documents

of each set are extracted nearly in full, but in the later ones constantly recurring items are omitted, while after 1560 only items of special interest are extracted.

The nature of the Fabric Rolls is sufficiently explained by their title. The income of the Master of the Fabric was made up of rents of various properties and some pensions from churches, oblations in the various pixes in the cathedral, other gifts and legacies, collections made by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew throughout the diocese, the income payable by prebendaries to their vicars when there were no vicars serving those particular stalls, fees for burials, and receipts by the sale of superfluous building material, stone, timber, lead, glass, etc., and of gifts and legacies in kind. His expenditure included everything connected with the maintenance of the fabric and furniture, except such items as were paid by the Communar out of the receipts from Biddisham and Barlynch.

The Communar was, as his name implies, the administrator of the *communa* or common fund of the canons residentiary. This fund, the main source of the income of the establishment as a whole, was derived from the receipts from the Chapter's manors while they were in hand, paid by the respective reeves, and the rent of such manors when they were let to farm, paid by the respective farmers, the profits of the markets of Lydeard and Stogumber, paid by the serjeants, pensions from impropriated churches (vicarages) in respect of the rectorial rights of the Chapter, payments from the bailiff of the Hundred of North Curry, rents of shops and houses at Wells, the income of vacant churches, fines and heriots, fees of the seal (*i.e.* fees for affixing the Chapter seal to deeds of various kinds), sales of corn, stone, wood, etc.

The first charge on the fund was the payment to the bishop, canons, vicars and other officers, of money for their sustenance, their commons, often called "cotidians" or "quotidians"*; these had at one time been provided in kind to some extent, but the whole was converted to a cash payment by Bishop Jocelin in 1242 [Vol. I, *p.* 60; Church, *Early History*, etc., *pp.* 235, 236].

After payment of the money for commons, the Communar sets down a very miscellaneous collection of items of expenditure, including stipends of minor officers, outside fees to advocates, attorneys and such-like, procurations, clerical subsidies to the King, pensions to retired dignitaries, payments to chantry-priests in respect of obits, for oil, wine and bread used in the cathedral services, for repairing buildings belonging to the Chapter other than the cathedral, and for the general working expenses of the Chapter. The balance of the common fund was divided yearly among the canons residentiary.

The income from the Biddisham property had been assigned to the Communar for the repairs of the cathedral and the purchase

* *Quotidianus*, daily, a daily portion.

of ornaments [Vol. I, *p.* 33 ; Church, *op. cit.*, *pp.* 16, 353]. The accounts for this fund are entered separately from the general fund ; they show that the original purpose was not very strictly adhered to, since payments were made to the master of the schools, the sacrist, the keeper of the organs, and so on.

A third fund received by the Communar, and also entered separately, was the pension paid by the prior of Barlynch. Its primary purpose seems to have been to provide for certain obits, but payments were also made for wax candles and other purposes in connection with the services.

The name and functions of the Escheator are less obvious. The name may perhaps be derived from the fact that the income of prebends vacant by death was payable to him for the first year after the occurrence of the vacancy ; the primary meaning of "escheat" [*ex-cadere*] is anything falling in to a person, not necessarily by forfeiture or failure of heirs, as in its narrower meaning. The royal escheator dealt not only with property falling to the Crown by failure of heirs or forfeiture, but also with the Crown rights in the case of minority of the heir, and with the King's "year and a day" where the forfeiture fell to a mesne lord, both of which present some analogies to the income of vacant prebends at Wells.

These sums from vacant prebends formed the principal source of the Escheator's income. They were paid by a custom already described as "ancient" in 1320 [Vol. I, *p.* 191], and which was initiated by Bishop Robert and confirmed by Bishop Jocelin in 1213 [Church, *op. cit.*, *pp.* 19, 185] ; two-thirds of the income belonged to the canons ; one-third, "the deceased's portion," appearing so often in the Escheator's accounts, belonged to the representatives of the deceased for the payment of debts and obits [Vol. I, *p.* 255 ; Church, *loc. cit.*].

Other sums received by the Escheator were the rents of certain land and houses at Wells, moneys or other endowments given for the celebration of obits and anniversaries, oblations, burial fees, and moneys derived from the sale of mortuaries.

His expenditure was almost entirely in connection with obits and anniversaries, payments to vicars, chaplains, choristers and others for conducting such services, and for bread distributed to the poor on these occasions.

Many curious words occur in the accounts and elsewhere, a list of which will be found in the index under "Words." Some of these I have not been able to trace in any dictionary or glossary. Among these is "cawet," "cawete" or "chawet," which occurs about fifteen times.

There were eight or nine of these "cawetes" at Wells ; the Communar, the Escheator and the Clerk of Blessed Mary each had one ; there was one at St. John's altar, one at St. Stephen's altar, one in the Treasury, two in the choir, behind the high-altar, and another behind the high-altar, to keep

graduals and books in. The two behind the high-altar were probably wooden cupboards, presses or ambries for the keeping of relics, plate, etc., and were very probably similar to the beautiful specimens of 15th century woodwork destroyed in the disastrous fire at Selby Abbey Church in 1906.* Those at the other two altars, the Clerk of St. Mary's, the one in the Treasury† and the one to keep books in, were no doubt of a similar nature.

But it seems clear that the Communar's and Escheator's cawetes were something different ; they could not have been mere ambries. Thus, the Communar's cawete was large enough to hold a muniment chest and a till or "exchequer," a money chest (*p.* 30), and he apparently sat within it to receive payments (*p.* 9) ; the Escheator's cawete had a window in it (*p.* 21). These details suggest something in the nature of inclosures forming small rooms, used for offices as well as for storage. They were probably timber-framed inclosures, parcloses, having doors and windows ; the door of the Communar's cawete opened in two sections, an upper and a lower (*p.* 94), a convenient arrangement if he received and paid money there. There is no indication where the Communar's and Escheator's cawetes were situated, but any vacant wall space (and there must have been plenty) would suffice.

The word itself presents great difficulties. The form "chewet" suggests some connection with the French word *chevet* (a diminutive from *chef*), which is thus defined in the *Oxford Dictionary :* "The French name of the apsidal termination (semicircular or semipolygonal) of the east end of a church ; particularly applied to French Gothic churches, where it is sometimes surrounded by apsidal chapels." The earliest quotation of its use by any English writer is in 1809.‡ If *chevet* was ever used to denote the individual apsidal chapels, rather than the whole group, it might easily be applied to any small chamber or inclosure within a church ; but I can find no instance of such use.

With great diffidence I hazard a suggestion that cawete may come from the Italian *cavata* or *cavetto*, a hollow place (a diminutive from *cava*). Such a word might well be applied originally to ambries hollowed out of the wall,§ as we still commonly find them in parish churches, being afterwards transferred to structures made and used for similar purposes, though not "hollows." It is singular that the word cannot be traced elsewhere, and I venture to remind the reader (again

* See a paper by W. H. St. John Hope, M.A., *Archæologia*, N.S., Vol. X, *pp.* 411–422, where some account of cognate structures in other churches will be found.

† The recess in the thickness of the wall, mentioned by Canon Church (*Early History*, *p.* 285), may have been the cawete in the Treasury.

‡ Mr. Francis Bond, writing of the Lady Chapel at Wells, says, "There is certainly no such lovely chevet in England" ; *The Cathedrals of England and Wales*, 4th ed., 1912, *p.* 379.

§ *See* note above.

with great diffidence) that the Dean of Wells from 1241 to 1253 was an Italian, John Saracenus.*

A final word as to the index. The section under "Wells," in its various aspects, is so large and diversified that it was found practically impossible to put it all under one alphabet; large sub-divisions, such as Dean and Chapter, canons, dignitaries, etc., were unavoidable. It has therefore been split up into numerous independent sections, which will, it is hoped, make it easier of reference. An analytical list of these sections precedes this part of the index, which will make the arrangement quite clear. The Bishops, whether of Bath, Bath and Glastonbury, or Bath and Wells, and the Archdeacons of Bath and Taunton have also been included in the Wells section, an arrangement for which a good deal might be said, both for and against. On the whole it was felt that the balance of convenience was in favour of giving all these references under Wells, the result being that the whole of the entries relating to Bishop, bishopric and the two Archdeacons referred to will be found together, instead of having to be sought by means of cross-references.

The Dean has called my attention to an item in the first Communar's account which was omitted in the transcript because it is cancelled. After "obit of Mr. Richard Forde" (*p.* 4, *l.* 37) occurs "Obit of Mr. Robert Baldok, 43 weeks, 1*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.*" The Dean writes as follows: "A line is rudely drawn through this, and a curious story lies behind it. For Master Robert Baldok was the Lord Chancellor of England who ruined Edward II. He was prebendary of Yatton. When he was captured with Edward II in November, 1326, Bishop Drokensford at once filled up his prebend, putting in his nephew, Richard de Drokensford, whom he collated afresh when Robert Baldok's death was known in May, 1327. Thus the entry is of interest, and its cancelling of more interest still, the auditor refusing to allow it to stand in the Communar's account."

Thanks are due to the Dean and Chapter of Wells for placing their records at the disposal of the Commission, and for allowing some of the books to be sent to the Public Record Office for the convenience of preparing this Calendar.

My personal thanks are especially due to Canon Church, the Subdean, for much kindness shown to me at Wells, and

* Some analogus structures are mentioned in the Account Rolls of Westminster Abbey, under the name of *cavagium*, *cawagium* or *kawagium*; see *The Abbot's House at Westminster*, by J. Armitage Robinson, D.D., Dean of Wells (1911), p. 26. Extracts are there given showing that the treasurer and cellarer had each a *cavagium*, and that there was another in the bakehouse. One of these had a door, as shown by the purchase of a lock and key, and was used for the storing of the cellarer's tallies; it also had a window, and its wall (*paries*) was daubed and plastered. The treasurer's *cavagium* was large enough for an entertainment to the king's servants. Dr. Robinson suggests that *cavagium* may be an early form of the French *caige*, *cage*, which is also said to be derived from the Latin *cavus* or *cavea*; no such form, however, is given by Littré or Godefroy.

for his ever-ready assistance in dealing with matters in which he is so well versed. The present Dean, Dr. J. Armitage Robinson, has very kindly helped with some of the early charters and rolls.

W. PALEY BAILDON.

ERRATA.

Vol. 1, *page* 35, *line* 22. *For* damicellariorum, *read* annuel lariorum.

Vol. 2, *page* 2, *line* 27. *To read*, To canon of North Cory, 1*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*

,, ,, 3, ,, 3. *For* 4*d.*, *read* 1*s.* 0*d.*

,, ,, 3, ,, 48. *For* vicars, *read* sheriff.

,, ,, 4, ,, 14. *To read*, His runner—etc.

,, ,, 4, ,, 37. *After* Obit of Mr. Richard de Forde, *add* Obit of Mr. Robert Baldok, 43 weeks, 1*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.*

,, ,, 4, ,, 40. *For* Henry de Stanton, *read* Hervey de Staneton.

,, ,, 6, ,, 5. *For* Thisteldone, *read* Thisteldene.

,, ,, 9, ,, 29. *For* Esson, *read* Eston.

,, ,, 9, ,, 30. *For* Dutton, *read* Sutton.

,, ,, 9, ,, 31. *For* Dalton, *read* Salton.

,, ,, 9, ,, 40. *For* paper, *read* wax.

,, ,, 11, ,, 14. *For* sur la chace, *read* sur la chate (*i.e.* sur l'achat).

,, ,, 25, ,, 8. *For* J. Byngham, *read* T. Byngham.

,, ,, 59, ,, 4. *For* Carington, *read* Canington.

,, ,, 76, ,, 16. *For* Dewthwaite, *read* Dowthwaite.

,, ,, 113, ,, 5. *For* Northern, *read* Northem.

,, ,, 126, ,, 10. *For* Northern, *read* Northem.

,, ,, 153, ,, 38. *For* Gramsby, *read* Gravisby.

,, ,, 159, ,, 14. *For* chaper, *read* chapter.

,, ,, 247, ,, 16. *For* Osmund, *read* Edmund.

,, ,, 263, ,, 37. *For* All Souls, *read* All Saints.

,, ,, 427, ,, 29. It is doubtful whether *Taunton* is a clerical error for *Wells*, or if Dr. Samuel Ward, Archdeacon of Taunton, was also present. The former supposition seems the more probable.

,, ,, 476, ,, 23. *For* Ocober, *read* October.

,, ,, 478, *note*. *For* septentionalium, *read* septentrionalium.

,, ,, 664, *line* 31. *For* Berton, Byndych, *read* Berton Byndych.

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1327-1328.

COMPOTUS of JOHN DE PLYMSTOK, the COMMUNAR. from MICHAELMAS, 1327, to MICHAELMAS, 1328.

Arrears of the last compotus		216*l.*	10*s.* 5*d.*
Arrears of the reeve of North Cory		33*l.*	14*s.* 10¾*d.*
Arrears of the reeve of Knappe		3*l.*	6*s.* 8*d.*
Arrears of the reeve of Hacche		5*l.*	10*s.* 5*d.*
Arrears of the farmer of Stokgummer, 27 years		13*l.*	15*s.* 4*d.*
Arrears of the reeve of Wynscomb		2*l.*	2*s.* 10*d.*
Arrears of the reeve of Ceddre		20*l.*	10*s.* 1½*d.*
Arrears of the reeve of Congresbury		17*l.*	19*s.* 0*d.*
Total of farmers and reeves	97*l.* 19*s.* 3¼*d.*		
Do. with arrears	314*l.* 9*s.* 8¼*d.*		
For suit about Stokgummer, leaving 60*l.* due		18*l.*	15*s.* 9½*d.*
Of remaining 295*l.* 13*s.* 10¾*d.* to William de Pencrich for expenses as steward			15*s.* 0*d.*
Due *de claro*		294*l.*	18*s.* 10¾*d.*
Paid to 16 resident canons at 18*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* each		294*l.*	18*s.* 8*d.*
To the communar			2¾*d.*
Total		294*l.*	18*s.* 10¾*d.*

Et sic quietus est.

Receipts.

Reeve of North Cory by 3 tallies		165*l.*	4*s.* 0*d.*
Reeve of Knappe by 2 tallies		24*l.*	0*s.* 0*d.*
Reeve of Hacch by 2 tallies		16*l.*	0*s.* 0*d.*
Reeve of Wynescomb by 2 tallies		86*l.*	12*s.* 0*d.*
Serjeant of Stokgummer		66*l.*	13*s.* 4*d.*
Serjeant of Lydyard		40*l.*	0*s.* 0*d.*
Purchasers of corn at Congresbury		43*l.*	1*s.* 0*d.*
Whytechurch farm		20*l.*	0*s.* 0*d.*

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Lovington and Mudford farm	23*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Chyuton pension	23*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Pension from vicar of St. Cuthbert's	13*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Carampton	5*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Norton near Hamdon	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Nether Staweye	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
West Ludeford		6*s.*	8*d.*
De domibus Cawete		2*s.*	0*d.*
South Barrow farm	3*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Bournham pension, 1 term	10*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Reeve of Ceddre	47*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
Fine of John son of William Bregge of Stokgummer for tenement on father's death	3*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Total	595*l.*	2*s.*	4*d.*

Expenses.

Commons (*communa*) of canons	185*l.*	10*s.*	8*d.*
To canons for processions	4*l.*	8*s.*	8*d.*
Commons of vicars	67*l.*	18*s.*	8*d.*
vicar of St. Cuthbert's	1*l.*	10*s.*	4*d.*
master of schools	1*l.*	10*s.*	4*d.*
chaplains of B.M.	2*l.*	5*s.*	6*d.*
clerks keeping the church	2*l.*	12*s.*	0*d.*
monks and breviators		8*s.*	5*d.*
For rogations		5*s.*	10*d.*
For bringing down the relics			8*d.*
To canon of North Cory		15*s.*	0*d.*
To distributor of wine		2*s.*	0*d.*
Commons of bishop and canons of the Innocents		2*s.*	9*d.*
Bringers of Exennium of St. Dunstan			8*d.*
Obit of Bp. Jocelin	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Oil		1*s.*	4*d.*
Getting chrism from Kingsbury		2*s.*	0*d.*
House for the vicar of St. Cuthbert's		6*s.*	8*d.*
Chaplain for annual for soul of Bp. William, senior	2*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
At his obit for *panis pauperum*	2*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
Obit of Richard I	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Wine for *cena* and Easter day		8*s.*	8*d.*
Wine during the year	1*l.*	19*s.*	0*d.*
Wages of communar and tabellar	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Parchment			10*d.*
2 chaplains for soul of William de Welyngton	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
His obit for *panis pauperum*	3*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To communar for his trouble		2*s.*	0*d.*
To sacrist for tolling the bell			8*d.*
For bread, wine wax and repair of ornaments		4*s.*	0*d.*

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1 chaplain for soul of Bp. Robert				3*l.*	6*s.* 8*d.*
His obit for *panis pauperum*				1*l.*	10*s.* 0*d.*
Communar for his trouble					4*d.*
Bread, wine, wax and repairs					2*s.* 0*d.*
1 chaplain for soul of Bp. Walter de Haselschawe				3*l.*	6*s.* 8*d.*
His obit and *panis pauperum*				1*l.*	10*s.* 0*d.*
Communar for his trouble					1*s.* 0*d.*
Sacrist for the bell					4*d.*
Bread, wine, wax and repairs					2*s.* 0*d.*
2 chaplains for soul of Dean Henry Huse ..				6*l.*	13*s.* 4*d.*
His obit and *panis pauperum*				3*l.*	0*s.* 0*d.*
Communar for his trouble					2*s.* 0*d.*
Escheator					8*d.*
Sacrist for bell					8*d.*
Bread, wine, wax and repairs					3*s.* 4*d.*
To Elias de Godelee, 2 terms' pension ..				3*l.*	6*s.* 8*d.*
Mr. William de Worston, advocate, 2 terms' pension				2*l.*	0*s.* 0*d.*
Mediety of 1 year's tenth to the king, granted by clergy				15*l.*	5*s.* 4*d.*
viz. Modiford Church ..	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*		
Wynescombe		13*s.*	4*d.*		
Stokgummer	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*		
North Cory	1*l.*	16*s.*	8*d.*		
Lydyard	1*l.*	3*s.*	4*d.*		
Ceddre	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*		
Congresbury	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*		
Lovington		5*s.*	0*d.*		
Wells Grange	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*		
Temporals in Lovington		2*s.*	0*d.*		
North Cory	2*l.*	5*s.*	0*d.*		
Wynescombe		15*s.*	0*d.*		
Laverton		1*s.*	0*d.*		
Pension of vicar of St. Cuthbert's		13*s.*	4*d.*		
Tithes of South Barrow Ch.		4*s.*	0*d.*		
Whitchurch Ch. in Dorset					13*s.* 8*d.*
Tenth of Chyuton pension				1*l.*	3*s.* 4*d.*
Carampton					5*s.* 0*d.*
Norton					2*s.* 0*d.*
Staweye					2*s.* 0*d.*
Burnham					10*s.* 0*d.*
Acquittance					6*d.*
To under-sheriff					10*s.* 0*d.*
His gloves					6*d.*
His clerk					3*s.* 4*d.*
To vicars by Bartholomew de Welyngton ..					8*s.* 8*d.*
Said Bartholomew at Somerton					4*s.* 0*d.*
Procurations to Hugh de Engolisma, his 6th year					7*s.* 0*d.*

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Acquittance			2*d*.
Taking said money to London		2*s*.	0*d*.
Letter sent to Stoke under Hamdon			3*d*.
Expenses of treasurer and said Bartholomew at Stoke near Hamdon about manor of Knappe		6*s*.	9*d*.
Treasurer and Michael de Eston about same		14*s*.	0*d*.
Alan de Codworth for 8 visits		2*s*.	0*d*.
Green wax by Roger Attewall, bailiff of Wells, liberty for acquittance	4*l*.	0*s*.	0*d*.
Thomas de Badeham for 2 visits			6*d*.
Nicholas de Chyselton, returner of sheriff's writs		10*s*.	0*d*.
Runner carrying said writs		1*s*.	6*d*.
His boy			6*d*.
William de Seles, bailiff of Glaston		6*s*.	8*d*.
His gloves			6*d*.
John Broun going to Royal Court at Norhampton for letters about Knappe		13*s*.	4*d*.
John Manschupe, attorney, at York, about same	1*l*.	6*s*.	7*d*.
John Cok, carrying chapter's letters at York		2*s*.	6*d*.
Treasurer's expenses at Gloucester		10*s*.	2*d*.
Henry Britoun, at York, with chapter's letters to Attorney Manschupe as to Knappe		4*s*.	0*d*.
Henry le Thycke		3*s*.	4*d*.
Mr. Thomas de Charleton, late Archd. Wells, for pension	13*l*.	6*s*.	8*d*.
Mr. Laurence de la Warre, on chapter business at Norhampton parliament	3*l*.	0*s*.	0*d*.
Writing register		6*s*.	8*d*.
Parchment and letters for general convocation		2*s*.	0*d*.
Mr. Richard de Baac, chapter officer	1*l*.	0*s*.	0*d*.
William de Codworth, at Sarum, to learn about vacancy of deanery		2*s*.	6*d*.
Obit of Mr. Richard de Forde, 26 weeks		15*s*.	2*d*.
Obit of Mr. Geoffrey de Eton, 39 weeks	1*l*.	2*s*.	9*d*.
Obit of Richard Abel, 52 weeks	1*l*.	10*s*.	4*d*.
Obit of Henry de Stanton, 46 weeks	1*l*.	6*s*.	10*d*.
Obit of Richard de Alresford, 39 weeks	1*l*.	2*s*.	9*d*.
Installing Thomas de Stapleton			8*d*.
William de Charleton, 1 term's pension	10*l*.	0*s*.	0*d*.
Same for release of farm of Cheddar	6*l*.	13*s*.	4*d*.
Total expenses	373*l*.	12*s*.	1*d*.

Owing by communar	221*l*.	10*s*.	3*d*.
by reeve of North Cory	58*l*.	19*s*.	10¼*d*.
by reeve of Knappe	6*l*.	18*s*.	2*d*.

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by reeve of Hacche	6*l.*	18*s.*	0*d.*
by reeve of Wynescombe	27*l.*	8*s.*	4*d.*
by reeve of Cheddar	7*l.*	13*s.*	5¾*d.*
by reeve of Congresbury	8*l.*	18*s.*	¾*d.*
by bailiff of Canons' Grange	88*l.*	7*s.*	10¾*d.*
by bailiff of Lydierd	1*l.*	0*s.*	11*d.*
Total arrears of reeves and bailiffs	206*l.*	4*s.*	8½*d.*
All arrears	427*l.*	14*s.*	11½*d.*
Auditing the account	2*l.*	7*s.*	2*d.*
Stokegummer suit, leaving 40*l.* to pay	20*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
W. de Pencrich, 2 journeys to Stoke under Hamdon		5*s.*	8*d.*
Walter de Brough and buyers of corn of Congresbury, gift	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Richard de Rodeney, student at Grauntebrigg, gift	10*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
John de Britton, for expenses in Stokegummer suit	24*l.*	9*s.*	8*d.*
Bartholomew de Welynton, for his robe	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Total allowances	60*l.*	9*s.*	2*d.*
Communar owes clear	367*l.*	5*s.*	9½*d.*

15 resident canons receive each 24*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*

9*d.* remainder given to communar. *Et sic est quietus.*

Decreed that henceforth no canon wishing to count residence shall stay in another canon's house.

Canons in residence: Dean, treasurer, chancellor, archd. Bath, Mr. Laurence, succentor, Hamelin, provost, Pencrich, Cherleton, Chipston, Mr. T. de Haselschawe, Cloppecote, Mr. J. Martel, Mr. J. Pymme. In all, 15.

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ACCOUNTS of JOHN CAMMEL, the COMMUNAR, MICHAELMAS, 1343, to MICHAELMAS, 1344.

Arrears of last year	341*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
To 17 resident canons	340*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To Gervase atte Purie of North Cory, overcharge for corn	1*l.*	4*s.*	0*d.*
Remainder		6*s.*	0*d.*
New Receipts. Of William Pode, reeve of Hatch	18*l.*	13*s.*	0*d.*
Robert Oseburn, reeve of Knappe	29*l.*	1*s.*	4*d.*
William Fraunkelayn, reeve of Cory	42*l.*	14*s.*	0*d.*
John Willemot, reeve of Cory	172*l.*	14*s.*	0*d.*

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Richard Est, reeve of Wynescomb ..	50*l.*	18*s.*	4*d.*
Michael de Estone, farmer of Lydiard ..	30*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Mr. John de Wanbergh, farmer of Cheddar	33*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Mr. Richard de Thisteldone, farmer of Congresbury	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Mr. John de London, farmer of Stoke-gommar	45*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Walter de Meriet, farmer of Okhampton	8*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Pension of St. Cuthbert's	13*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Chewton	23*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Southbarrow	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Carampton	5*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Nether Staweye	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Norton sub Hamdon	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
West Lidford		6*s.*	8*d.*
house Cawete		2*s.*	0*d.*
Keynesham Abbey for appropriation of West Harptre, not during tenure of rector ..			
Remainder from last year		6*s.*	0*d.*
Total Receipts	520*l.*	15*s.*	4*d.*

Expenses.

Commons of bishop and canons	214*l.*	14*s.*	8*d.*
Processions	5*l.*	8*s.*	8*d.*
Commons of vicars	72*l.*	5*s.*	3*d.*
vicar of St. Cuthbert's and master of schools	3*l.*	0*s.*	8*d.*
chaplains of B.M.	2*l.*	5*s.*	6*d.*
clerks keeping church	2*l.*	12*s.*	0*d.*
monks			
breviators		4*s.*	1*d.*
To canon of Cory	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Wine for altars	3*l.*	6*s.*	10*d.*
Distributor of wine		2*s.*	0*d.*
Wine for *Cena Domini* and *Pascha*		7*s.*	0*d.*
Oil for chrism		1*s.*	0*d.*
Vessel for ditto			½*d.*
Commons of bp. and canons of Innocents Day		2*s.*	9*d.*
Bringers of Exennium of St. Dunstan			8*d.*
Rogations		9*s.*	4*d.*
For bringing down the relics			8*d.*
Wages of communar and tabellar	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Vicar of St. Cuthbert's house		6*s.*	8*d.*
Bp. William senior's chaplain, 50*s.*; obit, 45*s.*; poor bread, 45*s.*	7*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Bp. Burnel and Bp. Haselshaw's chaplains, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; bread, wax, repairs, 4*s.*; obit and poor bread, 60*s.*; communar, 2*s.*; sacrist, 8*d.*	10*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

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H. Huse's chaplains, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; bread, wine, repairs, 3*s.* 4*d.*; obit, 20*s.*; poor bread, 40*s.*; communar, 2*s.*; escheator, 8*d.*; sacrist, 8*d.*	9*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Richard I's obit	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
W. de Welyngton's chaplains, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; bread, wine and repairs, 4*s.*; obit, 20*s.*; poor bread, 40*s.*; communar, 2*s.*; sacrist, 8*d.*	9*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Bp. Drokensford and R. Cormailles's chaplains, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; wax, 1*s.*	6*l.*	14*s.*	4*d.*
King Edward, Q. Margaret, Elias de Godeleye and wife Joan, and Dean J. de Godeleye's chaplains, 1 at altar of Corpus Christi, the other in chapel of B.M. in the cloister, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; light, wine, and repairs, 12*s.*; obit, 20*s.*; poor bread, 30*s.*; psalter, 3*s.* 2*d.*; sacrist, 8*d.*	9*l.*	19*s.*	2*d.*
Obit of Bp. Jocelin	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
J. de Bruton's chaplain, 66*s.* 8*d.*; light, 6*d.*	3*l.*	7*s.*	2*d.*
J. Martel's chaplain, 66*s.* 8*d.*; light, 10*d.*	3*l.*	7*s.*	6*d.*
Installation of abbat of Athelney			8*d.*
Treasurer, for obsequies of Isabel de Courtney and J. de Bello Campo		2*s.*	0*d.*
Parchment and acquittance		2*s.*	6*d.*
Clerk for *compotus* and *visus*		3*s.*	4*d.*
Total	371*l.*	8*s.*	5¾*d.*

Foreign Expenses.

Farmer of Lydiard, for Lent pension to rector of Bagburgh		7*s.*	0*d.*
Mr. Robert de Baldok, farmer of Bournham, for vicar's house *ad superedificandum*		4*s.*	0*d.*
Prior of Tanton, collector of procurations of cardinals, for temporals and spirituals of cathedral at ¼*d.* per pound		6*s.*	10½*d.*
Taking do. to Tanton			6*d.*
Nuncio Raymund Peregrinus, 1st year of stay in England and acquittance		7*s.*	4*d.*
Carrying said money to London		1*s.*	6*d.*
Building St. Cuthbert's chancel, besides 20*l.* last year	20*l.*	9*s.*	9¾*d.*
Colt, before it was sold, mortuary of Hugh de Draycot			8½*d.*
Richard Tychemarsh, sequestration of Staweye, and appointing vicar, and at Dunster for Carampton pension		1*s.*	6*d.*
William de Worstone, advocate in court of Canterbury	6*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

1343-1344.

Jurors of North Cory hundred at Wells before justiciaries		13*s.*	4*d.*
Mending lock and key of communar's cawete		2*s.*	0*d.*
Dedication of high altar of Stoke	3*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Taking letter of sequestration to Chewton			2*d.*
Taking inhibition to archd. of Dorset about farm of Whitchurch		1*s.*	4*d.*
Fetching do.		1*s.*	8*d.*
Gift to clerk of William de Thorp, justiciar, at Wells		10*s.*	0*d.*
William de Hacch, in satisfaction of suit before King's justiciaries	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Gifts at same session: to John de Strete, 20*s.*; William de Coleford, 10*s.*; James Huse, 13*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Fitzjames, 10*s.*	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Messenger's wages to Marlborough about the queen's coming		1*s.*	0*d.*
Dean for procurations of Lovington and Lidierd	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Fine for dean's not appearing in Wiliton Court for Bikenalre		3*s.*	4*d.*
Confirming king's charter for Lovington	1*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
Procuration to archdeacon for Modeford		7*s.*	7½*d.*
Commons of Alan de Esse, lord of Codworth, 20 days		5*s.*	0*d.*
William de Worston, advocate in the court of Canterbury, year's pension	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Total	44*l.*	8*s.*	0*d.*
Total expenses and payments	415*l.*	16*s.*	5¾*d.*
Remainder	104*l.*	18*s.*	10¼*d.*
Owed by William Pende, reeve of Hacche	7*l.*	13*s.*	10¼*d.*
Robert Osbarn, reeve of Cnappe	6*l.*	11*s.*	8¾*d.*
William Frankeley and John Wylimot, reeves of North Cory	86*l.*	19*s.*	1¼*d.*
Richard Est, reeve of Wynescomb	36*l.*	8*s.*	1½*d.*
the farmer of Burnham	30*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
the farmer of Modford and Lovington	30*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
the farmer of Withchurch	30*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
the farmer of Canons' Grange	80*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
the farmer of Bikenalre	12*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Henry de Pulham, for old timber of St. Cuthbert's chancel		10*s.*	0*d.*
Total with arrears	425*l.*	1*s.*	8*d.*

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Paid to communar at audit	3*l.*	14*s.*	4*d.*
for Thomas Chapeleyn		10*s.*	0*d.*
for John Chambre, for pasturing beasts of Ralph de Middelneye		9*s.*	8*d.*
for William Ingulph, reeve of Cory, for beasts of Ralph de Middelneye and Richard de Acton	1*l.*	17*s.*	9*d.*
for Richard Coker, holding court of Cory	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
for William atte Bere, attending Consistory Court	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
for Mr. William de Cristelham, proctor in Consistory Court		6*s.*	8*d.*
for Mr. Stephen de Hull, notary	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Commons of Thomas le Gurnay, late lord of Harptre, 30 days		7*s.*	6*d.*
To communar for William de Laveley, for compotus		6*s.*	8*d.*
For dean's proctor, for visiting Cheddre..		13*s.*	4*d.*
Total of allowances	11*l.*	5*s.*	11*d.*

Owed by communar, 413*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* To 19 canons residing, 21*l.* 14*s.* each .. .. ..

To John Strode, carpenter		6*s.*	8*d.*
To communar in his cawete	1*l.*	3*s.*	1*d.*

Canons residing: Walter de London, dean, William Litelton, precentor, Roger de Mortuo mari, archd. of Wells, Richard Thisteldene, treasurer, Symon de Bristoll, chancellor, Walter de Hulle, archd. of Bath, Henry Carleton, Michael Esson, John Hiwisch, Richard Rodeney, John Wamberge, John London, John Dutton, Robert Baldok, William Dalton, Henry Fulham, Robert Stonore, Geoffrey Chalceheth, Nicholas Iford.

BYDESHAM. Dean Walter de London, farmer of Bydesham	12*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Paid to fabric	6*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Master of schools, 26*s.* 8*d.*; wardens of church, 20*s.*; sacrist, 3*s.* 4*d.*; organ keeper, 13*s.* 4*d.*; pan for coals, 6*d.*; binding gradual, 8*d.*; coals, 2*s.* 9*d.*; paper for Sunday table, 2½*d.*; vertegres, ½*d.*; making it, 2*d.*	3*l.*	7*s.*	8*d.*
Legenda for Wynescombe, illuminating 15 letters, 1*s.* 3*d.*; writing, 10*d.*; binding, 4*d.*		2*s.*	5*d.*
For bells (named Maria, Peter, Button, Donston), baudriks, clappers, &c., in great *clockerium*, and in campanile towards the dean's *Curia*		18*s.*	3*d.*

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Keys for cloister door, and door of the exchequer, thread, wax, vertegres			7*d*.
Total expended, 10*l*. 9*s*. 11*d*.; communar owes	1*l*.	10*s*.	1*d*.
BERLICH. Arrears	3*l*.	12*s*.	2¾*d*.
From Berlice in 4 payments..	25*l*.	3*s*.	4*d*.
archd. of Wells, for pension from Borwe	10*l*.	0*s*.	0*d*.
Nicholas de Bathon's houses, for soul of Ralph de Lullington, 5th year ..		16*s*.	0*d*.
Total receipts with arrears ..	39*l*.	11*s*.	6¾*d*.
To 4 chaplains for John the Provost, the senior	10*l*.	13*s*.	4*d*.
Obit and poor bread	2*l*.	13*s*.	4*d*.
Boys singing the antiphon	1*l*.	0*s*.	0*d*.
56*lbs*. of wax, 21*s*., and making, 1*s*. 4*d*. ..	1*l*.	2*s*.	4*d*.
To communar and sacrist		4*s*.	0*d*.
Obit of Walter de St. Quintin		13*s*.	4*d*.
Chaplain for W. de Button junior, 53*s*. 4*d*.; obit and poor bread, 26*s*. 8*d*.	4*l*.	0*s*.	0*d*.
Hugh de Romenhale, 53*s*. 4*d*.; obit and poor bread, 46*s*. 8*d*.	5*l*.	0*s*.	0*d*.
Bread for Ralph de Lullington	2*l*.	6*s*.	0*d*.
Obit of Henry Bracton	1*l*.	6*s*.	8*d*.
Adam Gyssich		6*s*.	8*d*.
Matthew de Stratton	1*l*.	13*s*.	4*d*.
Henry de Greneford		13*s*.	4*d*.
Chaplain for Bp. Drokensford and Archd. R. de Wambergh at the altar of Corpus Christi	3*l*.	6*s*.	8*d*.
Clerk making compotus of pensions		3*s*.	4*d*.
2 towels, 13½*d*., and mending coffer, 4*d*., for altar of St. Nicholas		1*s*.	5½*d*.
Total expenses	35*l*.	3*s*.	10½*d*.
Owing by communar, of which Tichmersh's arrears are 3*l*. 12*s*. 2¾*d*.	4*l*.	7*s*.	8¼*d*.

Record attached: John Cristelton, clerk of the dean and papal commissary to Hugh, vicar of Dondon, to cite defaulters detected in the dean's visitation to appear in the Lady Chapel by the cloister on Saturday next after SS. Crispin and Crispinian, and there to certify by letters what has been done. Dated Wells, xiii Kal. Nov., 1344. The names of those cited follow with their fines.

On back: On Friday after SS. Crispin and Crispinian, iiii Kal. Nov., 1344, in the cathedral appeared John Abbot of

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North Cory before the dean and chapter. His case prorogued to Friday after All Saints; when he appeared before Mr. Walter de Hull, archd. of Bath, and submitted himself.

Another record: Archd. W. de Hull's sentence on John Abbe, who confesses to have seized the great tithes of Winscombe, to pay 60*s.* at Wells before the feast of All Saints, under pain of greater excommunication. Published in the cathedral, Nov. 5, 1344.

[*On back in French:*] John Abbe owes the dean and chapter 60*s.* for the corn of Lillesdone, which he bought of Mr. Robert Baldok. This he pays in mitigation, and will pay the rest by the days assigned.

Et que dieu eies mercy de moy, jeo perdr' sur la chace xx livres.

1372-1373.

Accounts of John Modyr, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1372, to Michaelmas, 1373.

Balance	169*l.*	1*s.*	2*d.*
Received by oblations.—Nundines of St. Kalixtus and St. Andrew	1*l.*	1*s.*	0½*d.*
Pix of St. Andrew	1*l.*	1*s.*	0*d.*
Burial and anniversaries of Nicholas Pontesbury, John Lumbard, Roger Wytchurch, John Carlton, Bp. Ralph and Roger Joliblod		3*s.*	0*d.*
Easter Day		1*s.*	1*d.*
Palfrey and saddle of Mr. N. de Pontesbury	2*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
Bequest for R. Joliblod's obit and anniversary	1*l.*	19*s.*	8*d.*
New income.—2 crofts in New St., 2*s.* 6*d.*; Christine Barbour's houses, 5*s.*; new curtilage in the Muntary, 1*s.*		8*s.*	6*d.*
Obits in Michaelmas term.—Elias Fellard, 5*s.*; Reynold Scory, 6*s.* 6*d.*; Richard Bamfield, 10*s.*; John de Axbrigg, 10*s.*; Robert Burnel, 20*s.*; Nicholas Selborne, 11*s.*; Alice Bouch, 5*s.*; Henry de Bath, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Henry de Bratton, 26*s.* 8*d.*; William Archdeacon, 5*s.*; Bp. Jocelin, 20*s.*; William de Button, 26*s.* 8*d.*; Gilbert Sarum, 13*s.* 4*d.*; Walter de Halschawe, 20*s.*; William Bouch, 1*s.* 8*d.*; Walter de St. Quintin, 20*s.*; Geoffrey le Ferour, 10*s.*; Thomas Wodeford, 1*s.*	10*l.*	18*s.*	6*d.*
Christmas term.—Helias Chaplain, 13*s.* 4*d.*; Walter de Compton, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*;			

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Gilbert de Bingham, 10*s.*; Adam Gyssych, 6*s.* 8*d.*; John de Cumbe, 8*s.*; Walter de Wethamstede, 13*s.* 4*d.*; Richard Button, 14*s.* 8*d.*; Mabel Bouche, 5*s.*; John Watelegh, 7*s.*; William de Pulton, 13*s.* 4*d.*; Walter Noreys, 1*s.*; Ralph *Preciosus*, 10*s.*; John de Godelegh, 20*s.*; Roger Cruk, 14*s.*, and for poor, 8*s.*; Henry Huse, 20*s.*; Stephen de Chichester, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Luke Lundres, 7*s.* 4*d.*; Ralph de Lullington, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Hugh de Romenale, 20*s.*; John Martell, 3*s.*; John Hubard, 12*s.*; Hugh de Lymington, 5*s.*, not more because so allowed for lives of John and Thomas Wareyn; Henry Wyrcestre, 5*s.*; procession before image of B.V., 5*s.* .. .. .. 13*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*

Lady Day term.—William de Bath, from houses held by Robert Trut, 16*s.* 8*d.*; William Button, 2*l.* 5*s.*; King Richard I, 20*s.*; William de Welyngton, 20*s.*; Isaac de Mertock, 5*s.*; Stephen de Tornaco, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Walter de Hornyngton, 5*s.*; John Surrey, 24*s.*; Peter de Cicestre, 10*s.*; Samuel de Melles, 3*s.*; Richard Atteber, 10*s.*; procession before image of St. George, 5*s.*, for soul of William Brocworth; John le Fort, 10*s.*; Wilbert de Lyttelton, 20*s.*; William de Marchia, 20*s.*; Walter the Chamberlain, 3*s.*; John de Herford, 10*s.* .. .. 11*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

St. John Baptist term.—John Hoo, 8*s.*; Walter Burnel, 10*s.*; Hugh Greneford, 13*s.* 4*d.*; John Chamfeld, 10*s.* 4*d.*; Robert Buggelegh, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Luke Membury, 5*s.*; Richard Cobham, 13*s.* 4*d.*; Henry Tesson, 13*s.* 4*d.*; Bp. Ralph, 66*s.* 8*d.*; procession for Hugh Rous, 6*s.* 8*d.*; John Pole, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Umfrey Clerk, 6*s.* 8*d.*; David de Welweton, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Hugh Rous, 21*s.*; John de Button, 26*s.* 8*d.*; Matthew de Straton, 33*s.* 4*d.*; Henry de London, 13*s.* 4*d.*; Luke de Mellesburgh, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Thomas Button, 46*s.*; Roger Parsoun, 10*s.*; Gilbert Bingham, Richard Button, Henry de London, 24*s.* 4*d.*; Robert Netelton, 20*s.*.. .. 18*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*

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For prebend of Wedmore II, vacant by the death of Roger Wyte	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Total of receipts	65*l.*	12*s.*	5½*d.*
Defectus Redditus.—Unoccupied houses ..	1*l.*	11*s.*	0*d.*
The houses in the corner of the churchyard rebuilt 1363.			
Paid.—To 7 vicars and sacrist 1*d.* each, for morning mass on Feast of St. Kalixtus; choristers, 3*d.*; keeper of relics, 4*d.*		1*s.*	3*d.*
to 7 vicars 1*d.* each for morning mass on Feast of St. Andrew; choristers, 3*d.*; keeper of relics, 4*d.*		1*s.*	2*d.*
from palfrey of Nicholas Pontesbury, distributed	2*l.*	7*s.*	6*d.*
to horse keeper, 2*s.*, and expenses of horse 3 days, 1*s.*		3*s.*	0*d.*
exequies of Roger Joliblod to 54 persons at dirge, 13*s.* 6*d.*; altarist, 3*d.*; choristers, 3*d.*; at mass, 13*s.* 6*d.*; altarist, 3*d.*; choristers, 3*d.*	1*l.*	8*s.*	0*d.*
his anniversary: dirge, 6*s.* 9*d.*; mass, 4*s.* 10*d.*; *in extraneis*, 2*d.*		11*s.*	9*d.*
Distributed at exequies of Helias Fellard: at dirge, among 44 persons beside the altarist and chorister, 1½*d.* each ..		5*s.*	9*d.*
of Reynold Scory and Richard Bamfeld: at dirge, among 51 persons beside altarist and chorister, 2*d.* each		8*s.*	10*d.*
at mass, among 51 beside altarist and chorister, 1*d.*, each		4*s.*	5*d.*
so among 54 to 58 persons besides altarist and chorister in obits of Michaelmas term, omitting William Bouche, G. le Ferour and T. Wodeford	10*l.*	2*s.*	4*d.*
among 7 vicars at morning mass on St. Katharine's Day		1*s.*	5*d.*
obits of Christmas term, omitting W. Noreys, and adding John Hubard ..	11*l.*	14*s.*	10½*d.*
obits of Lady Day term, omitting William de Bath, W. Brocworth, Walter Chamberlain, W. de Marchia and John de Herford	8*l.*	14*s.*	1*d.*
procession on Vigil of Annunciation at altar of St. Katharine in the cloister ..		4*s.*	10*d.*
to 7 vicars at morning mass on Lady Day		1*s.*	5*d.*
among 40 persons at the image of St. George		5*s.*	3*d.*

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obits of St. John Baptist's term, omitting W. Burnel, Robert Buggelegh, Gilbert Bingham, Richard Button, and including Walter Chamberlain and John de Harford, omitted above	17*l.*	9*s.*	4*d.*
Necessary expenses.—Torches at St. Saviour's altar, 1*s.* 8*d.*; at Lady Chapel, 10*s.*; keeper of fabric, 4*s.*; 1*lb.* cumin, rent to bp., 2½*d.*; wages of escheator, 6*s.* 8*d.*; of computus clerk, 3*s.* 4*d.*; parchment, &c., 8*d.*; 1*lb.* wax for St. Katharine's mass and on 2 nundines, 7*d.*; to sub-treasurer, for obit of W. Compton, 1*s.*; repairs of Borne's houses, 4*s.*; escheator's expenses to Harptre and Chewton, 10*d.*..	1*l.*	12*s.*	11½*d.*
Total expenses, 56*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.*; escheator owes	178*l.*	3*s.*	6½*d.*
Owing from Shaldeford prebend, by the death of Robert Chykewell, for 1369	13*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
from the same, by the death of Thomas Bocketon, for 1366	13*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
from Wedmore I, by the death of John Carleton, for 1360	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
from Huish and Brent, by the death of the bp. of Tusculum, cardinal archd. of Wells..	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
obit of Roger Cruk, from 1348 onwards, at 3*s.* yearly	3*l.*	15*s.*	0*d.*
obit of Walter Noreys	1*l.*	2*s.*	6*d.*
obit of Ralph Lullyngton, for Bocking's houses, for 1368 to 1372	1*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
from Harptre prebend, by the death of John Lumbard, 1368	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
from Brent and Huish, by the death of Nicholas, cardinal archd. of Wells, 1369	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
from Combe XII, by the death of John Newman, provost, 1369	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
obit of Hugh Hornyngton for 1364-1370, received by Stephen de Hull	7*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Total owing, 169*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*, and the escheator owes	8*l.*	12*s.*	8½*d.*
For repairs of Borne's houses		4*s.*	0*d.*
For obit of William de Marchia because only 15*s.* 8*d.* was in the pix		4*s.*	4*d.*
Rent of houses refused by the prior of St. John's Hospital		5*s.*	0*d.*
Remaining with the precentor for houses by le Glehall		6*s.*	8*d.*

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Remaining with the prebendary of Wedmore II	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To William Wynd, given by the auditors because of his poverty		1*s.*	0*d.*
To computant for his manifold labour		10*s.*	8½*d.*
Remainder, 61*s.*, distributed to 61 persons at the exchequer, 1*s.* each.			

1380-1381.

Accounts of William Belde, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1380, to Michaelmas, 1381.

Balance, including 40*l.* for vacancy of Wedmore I	101*l.*	6*s.*	7½*d.*
Received of nundines of St. Kalixtus, 6*s.* 10¾*d.*; of St. Andrew, 11*s.* 6½*d.* ..		18*s.*	5¼*d.*
anniversary of Dean Pempel and Stephen Brocas and burial of William Benet and pix of St. Andrew		13*s.*	11*d.*
oblations on Good Friday			8½*d.*
houses in New St., 5*s.*; on Mountery, 1*s.*		6*s.*	0*d.*
Obits, Lady Day term.—*add* Walter de London, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Bp. W. de Marchia only 7*s.* 6¾*d.*, as found in pix ..			
St. John Baptist term.—*add* Gilbert Byngham, Richard Button and Henry de London, from houses in Tor Lane and la Mountrey	1*l.*	4*s.*	4*d.*
Vacancy of Wedmore I, by the death of Dean Robert Stratton	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Defaults of rent, unoccupied houses	2*l.*	1*s.*	4*d.*
Paid for obits in Michaelmas term—*omitting* William Archdeacon, and Thomas Wodeford, *adding* Thomas the Weaver	10*l.*	4*s.*	0*d.*
obits in Christmas term.—*Omitting* Walter Noreys, John Martell and J. and T. Wareyn, *adding* John Seyot and Walter de Leusdon	11*l.*	16*s.*	10½*d.*
obits in Lady Day term.—*Omitting* Wm. de Bath and W. de Welyngton ..	9*l.*	1*s.*	7½*d.*
obits in Midsummer term.—*Omitting* Walter Burnel, Robert Buggelegh, Humphrey Clerk, G. Byngham, R. Button and Robert Netilton	14*l.*	9*s.*	1*d.*
Journey to Bristol to get 1 mark from the master of St. John's		1*s.*	0*d.*
Allowed to the escheator for Thomas Ellewell [vicar], omitted last year		1*s.*	6*d.*
for rent of houses by Geldehall, held for his life at the yearly rent of 1*d.*		6*s.*	7*d.*

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for half-year's rent of Thomas Lupyat's houses in New St., unoccupied		2*s.*	6*d.*
For vacancy of Wedmore I, by death of Dean S. Pympel	26*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Balance, 120*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*, which thus remains :—			
with Thomas Bockyng for obit of Ralph Lullyngton for 13 years	4*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
with prebend of Harptre, vacant by death of John Lumbard	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
with William Doolley and John Watlegh, for obit of R. Netilton for 7 years	8*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
with prior of St. John's, rent of house for 7 years	1*l.*	15*s.*	0*d.*
with prior of St. John's, for 2 years, for which distraint has been made of half a white cloth		10*s.*	0*d.*
with Thomas, vicar of Dunden, for the prebend vacant by death of Thomas Mudefrey	4*l.*	3*s.*	1*d.*
with late Dean Fordham, for vacancy of Wedmore I, by the death of Stephen Pympel	13*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
with Pympel's executors, for vacancy of same, by death of John Carleton ..	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
with Thomas Sudbury, now dean, for vacancy of same, by death of Robert Stratton	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
with executors of Mr. Stephen Pympel, for rent of houses Gabriel	1*l.*	1*s.*	0*d.*
with John Gurdel for Cruk's houses ..		3*s.*	0*d.*
with William Belde, computant	3*l.*	5*s.*	11*d.*
Distributed to 58½ persons, 1*s.* 1*d.* each ..	3*l.*	3*s.*	4½*d.*
To the escheator, who is thus quit		2*s.*	6½*d.*

1381-1382.

Accounts of Nicholas Face, the Escheator, Michaelmas, 1381, to Michaelmas, 1382.

Received.—Oblations on nundines of St. Kalixtus and St. Andrew	1*l.*	9*s.*	7*d.*
pix of St. Andrew		16*s.*	3*d.*
Good Friday		1*s.*	1*d.*
oblations of the king and queen		13*s.*	4*d.*
oblations of the dead	1*l.*	6*s.*	1¼*d.*
palfrey and saddle of Robert Lamborne	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
the like of Mr. John Horsyngton, chancellor	4*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
the like of Mr. Richard Carleton	3*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
the like of Mr. Robert Stonore	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

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By stone sold and pasture of garden of W. Archdeacon's houses		7*s.*	4*d.*
Obits of Christmas term.—*Add* Hugh de Romenale, 20*s.*; John Martel, 3*s.*; John Hubard, 12*s.*			
Lady Day term.—*Add* Walter de London, 6*s.* 8*d.*			
Vacant prebends: Tanton, by the death of Thomas de Shapton	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Cumbe XIV, by the death of John Codeford	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Hengestrigg, by the death of Mr. William Odcumbe	22*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Wedmore III, by the death of Robert Samborne	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Compton Episcopi, by the death of Mr. John Horsington	20*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Codeworth, by the death of Mr. Richard Carleton	9*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Barton, by the death of Mr. Robert Stonore	9*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Defaults of rent.—John Martel's house in Mulle lane is let to Thomas Jay at a yearly rent of 20*d.* for 14 years, after that at 6*s.* 8*d.*			
Paid to Thomas Mount for his labour, by order of the chapter	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Distributed to 47 to 53 persons, proceeds of palfreys of above-named canons	11*l.*	1*s.*	7*d.*
To palfrey keeper and expenses		6*s.*	0*d.*
By distraint for tenement in Tucker St. for Crick's obit, one dozen of white cloth ..		6*s.*	8*d.*
Henceforth to be paid for obit of R. Lullington, from a house in Chamberlain St.		13*s.*	4*d.*
Distributed among 60 persons, 6*l.*, and 13*s.* $4\frac{3}{4}$*d.* to the escheator.			

1390-1391.

ACCOUNTS of JOHN BONYNGTON, KEEPER of the FABRIC, from MICHAELMAS, 1390, to MICHAELMAS, 1391.

Balance	21*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Rents: The Master of St. Mark's, Bristol, for Easter and Michaelmas	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
the prior of Bruton, for Easter and Michaelmas	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Th. Lychelade's houses for Michaelmas, by subdean Byngham		6*s.*	8*d.*
W. Borne's houses in Chamberlain St., for Michaelmas		4*s.*	0*d.*

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the vicar of Stoke sub Hamdon, by the reeve there, for Easter		13*s.*	4*d.*
the abbat of Keynsham, for Midsummer, to be paid yearly for Littelton Church		5*s.*	0*d.*
the rector of Tweverton, for Midsummer pension		10*s.*	0*d.*
the prior of Berlych, on St. Andrew's day		6*s.*	8*d.*
Gyldenhurst		11*s.*	2*d.*
a messuage in Elme, inhabited by Richard Bythewode		1*s.*	0*d.*
H. Caunt's houses in Tucker St., to be paid by the prior of St. John of Wells		1*s.*	4*d.*
House rent of Canon John Wareyn, to maintain 2 lamps before the images of B. Mary at the choir door and of St. Saviour before the library	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Oblations : The pix of Bp. Ralph, as is seen by indenture between John Tyntenhull and John Bonyngdon..	4*l.*	16*s.*	7*d*
the pix of B.M.V. at the choir door, as is seen by indenture between John Wareyn and John Bonyngdon	3*l.*	3*s.*	9*d.*
the pix of St. Saviour in the chapel of B.M.V. in the cloister..		16*s.*	5*d.*
the pix of St. Saviour before the library		3*s.*	1¼*d.*
the pix of the Coronation of B.M... ..		2*s.*	5½*d.*
the pix of St. Thomas the Martyr.. ..		2*s.*	1*d.*
the pix of St. Andrew at the west door..		1*s.*	4*d.*
Total	9*l.*	8*s.*	0*d.*

Sales : Welsh boards		1*s.*	4*d.*
2 old silver rings, by the view of John Stone		1*s.*	2*d.*
a small gilt collar, given by William Wynsecomb to the image of B.M. at the choir door, to J. Stone			6*d.*
300 stones of Ilfercomb, to John Mason		1*s.*	6*d.*
timber 6*d.* ; free stone 2*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*	2*l.*	7*s.*	10*d.*
Total	2*l.*	12*s.*	4*d.*

Legacies : Robert Dagon of la Lye			6*d.*
Master Lambert More		6*s.*	8*d.*
Alice Formour	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Cristina Hobkyns of Corscomb		3*s.*	4*d.*
Walter Golde of Putteney		1*s.*	0*d.*

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John Bochard of Weston			6*d.*
John Ryder, by the hands of the chaplain of Milborne port		1*s.*	8*d.*
the rector of Odcombe		13*s.*	4*d.*
William Smyth of Yevele		1*s.*	0*d.*
two men of Weston		1*s.*	0*d.*
Robert at Wyke		3*s.*	4*d.*
William Paddock of Wotton, penance enjoined on a stranger		3*s.*	6*d.*
a stranger, through Mr. Ralph Berners		1*s.*	0*d.*
Ralph Stradil, through chaplain of Milborne port			6*d.*
a servant of the dean for a penance		1*s.*	3*d.*
executors of William Wynscomb	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
a woman of Thorne			3*d.*
3 wills, through Walter Cras		1*s.*	10*d.*
John Mere of Milborne			6*d.*
William Jerard for briefs of St. Andrew			6*d.*
one who died at Eston Gordano			2*d.*
Elena Borton of Bristol		1*s.*	0*d.*
John Bedel of Shepton Malet		1*s.*	0*d.*
Robert Gregory of Bruton		1*s.*	0*d.*
Margaret Jay of Chyriton		1*s.*	0*d.*
Isabel Baker of Jevele		1*s.*	0*d.*
John Schuphurd of Welewe		1*s.*	0*d.*
Richard Dyllyng of Corscomb, by will of Isabel de Bishopsden, recovered from R.D. in the bishop's consistory		5*s.*	6*d.*
John Pyket of Modeford		1*s.*	0*d.*
Joan Pope of Glaston, as penance		1*s.*	0*d.*
Wareyn of Childcompton			6*d.*
John Farncomb of Lutton			6*d.*
the monk John, a tailor, for half a sheep left by Margery Skynnere of New St.			6*d.*
Thomas Hobkyns		2*s.*	6*d.*
Thomas Selk of Schepton, through his mother		6*s.*	8*d.*
the rector of Stawell, for last year		3*s.*	4*d.*
Roger Tybrygton, for last year, for briefs of St. Andrew		3*s.*	1*d.*
John Copethorn, vicar of Berwes, through the bishop's registrar		1*s.*	8*d.*
Geoffrey, rector of Obleye		1*s.*	8*d.*
the fraternity of St. Andrew, by briefs, John Blyssot for roll of the fraternity of St. Andrew	7*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
[In the margin.] Next year J. B. will pay 12 marks.			
the archdeaconry of Taunton	14*l.*	0*s.*	9¼*d.*
the deaneries of Cary, Merston and Ivelchester, and jurisdiction of Glaston	11*l.*	8*s.*	8½*d.*

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the deaneries of Rede[clive] and Bath..	6*l.*	14*s.*	5½*d.*
the deaneries of Frome, Axebrugg and Powlet, and jurisdiction of the dean of Wells..	7*l.*	10*s.*	7½*d.*
the executors of Dame Margery Meryet		5*s.*	0*d.*
Total	53*l.*	8*s.*	7¾*d.*
Total receipts with balance ..	95*l.*	1*s.*	5¾*d.*

[The roll is here torn off, the stitches remaining.]

16 April.—To workmen, 8*s.* 4*d.*; do. at Doulting, 4*s.* 8*d.*; tools, 2*d.*; 3 carriages from Doulting, 3*s.*; to Tiler for mending masons' 'logg' in the corner, 10*d.*; 12 bushels of lime, 1*s.*; 6 bushels of sand, 3*d.*		18*s.*	3¾*d.*
23 April.—Workmen, 8*s.* 4¾*d.* and 4*s.* 8*d.*; tools, 3*d.*; carriage from Doulting, 4*s.*		17*s.*	3¾*d.*
30 April.—Workmen, 8*s.* 4¾*d.* and 4*s.* 8*d.*; carriage, 4*s.*		17*s.*	0¾*d.*
7 May.—Workmen, 5*s.* 2¾*d.* and 1*s.* 1*d.*; tools, 2*d.*; carriage, 5*s.*; 4 bushels of lime for mending windows in the plumbatory, 4*d.*		11*s.*	9¾*d.*
14 May.—Workmen, 8*s.* 4¾*d.* and 4*s.* 11*d.*; tools, 1*d.*; carriage, 5*s.*; carpenter for one week mending the great door of the plumbatory and other necessaries, 2*s.* 6*d.*; 6½*lbs.* spikes and labour, 11*d.*; mending 2 iron twists for said door, 8*d.*; board nails and hachnails, lock and key, oak plank, 2*s.* 2*d.*; for door and roof, 24 Welsh boards taken from store	1*l.*	4*s.*	7¾*d.*
21 May.—Workmen, 7*s.* 7¾*d.* and 2*s.* 1½*d.*; carriage, 3*s.*		12*s.*	9¼*d.*
28 May.—Workmen, 9*s.* 10¾*d.* and 4*s.* 8*d.*; tools, 2*d.*; carriage, 6*s.*	1*l.*	0*s.*	8¾*d.*
4 June.—Workmen, 8*s.* 4¾*d.* and 3*s.* 2*d.*; tools, 2*d.*; carriage, 4*s.*; 2½ pieces of new lead for mending the church	1*l.*	9*s.*	10¾*d.*
11 June.—Workmen, 8*s.* 4¾*d.* and 3*s.* 2*d.*; tools, 1*d.*; carriage, 3*s.*; 16 bushels of lime for walls round the great cemetery, 1*s.* 4*d.*; 2½ pieces of old lead, 11*s.* 3*d.*; 11*lbs.* of old lead, 5*d.*; 1*lb.* of wax, 5½*d.*; 2*lbs.* of rosin for masons' cement	1*l.*	8*s.*	3¼*d.*

1391-1392.

ACCOUNTS of THOMAS MARTYN, the ESCHEATOR, from MICHAELMAS, 1391, to MICHAELMAS, 1392.

Received from nundines, 11*s.* 1½*d.*; pix of St. Andrew, 8*s.* 3½*d.*; oblations on Good Friday, 10½*d.*; Easter, 3*d.*; of dead, 4*s.* 1½*d.*; at St. Katharine's altar in the cloister, 2½*d.*	1*l.*	4*s.*	10½*d.*
Obits: Michaelmas term.—M. Thomas Boeking, Ralph Lullington and his friends, for houses in Chamberlain St. which Th. B. inhabits		13*s.*	4*d.*
John Roper, 13*s.* 4*d.*; procession on the eve of the Conception of B.V.M., for soul of Nicholas Pontesbury, late sub-dean		5*s.*	0*d.*
Walter Hull		10*s.*	0*d.*
Christmas term.—Stephen Penpel, 20*s.*; Henry Bouedich, 20*s*...			
Lady Day term.—Bishop William de Marchia, 11½*d.*, not more, because only this sum was found in his pix ..			
Paid to the bishop for rent of the chapel over the gate in Torre lane, 1*lb.* of cumin worth			4*d.*
for mending a window in escheator's cawete in cathedral			6*d.*
for 4,500 tiles, for John Langemore's house in Torre lane	1*l.*	2*s.*	6*d.*
Balance, 115*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*, of which with prior of St. John's, Wells, from Codeworth's houses, rent for 17 years ..	4*l.*	5*s.*	0*d.*
the like for 2 years, a dozen of woollen cloth having been distrained for 6*s.* 8*d.*		3*s.*	4*d.*
J. Fordham, late dean, for Wedmore I, vacant by the death of S. Penpel ..	13*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Executors of S. Penpel, for the same prebend, vacant by the death of J. Carlton	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
ditto for rent of 'Gabriel' for 9 years ..	9*l.*	9*s.*	0*d.*
John Gerdel, for Roger Cruk's house for 12 years	1*l.*	16*s.*	0*d.*
Dean Sudbury, for Wedmore I, vacant by the death of R. Stratton	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Archdeacon of Wells, for obit of Peter de Cicestria, to be paid for repairs of houses when they shall have been raised		10*s.*	0*d.*
John Argum, prebendary of Holcomb, vacant by the death of J. Hope ..	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

1391-1392.

Richard Bruton, prebendary of Ashill, vacant by the death of Wm. Chamber (granted to him for 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* on condition of giving the dean and chapter half the proceeds, which amounts to 10*l.* and more)	3*l.*	15*s.*	4*d.*
Peter Barton, 32*s.* for the canonical house at Torre lane gate.			

1392-1393.

Accounts of John Baryngton, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1392, to Michaelmas, 1393.

Arrears	272*l.*	15*s.*	9*d.*
Paid to 19 canons, 272*l.* 15*s.* 4½*d.*; remainder, 4½*d.*			
Received of farmers and from pensions as in 1343-4	190*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Of Arnald Brocas, farmer of Canons' Barn	66*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
De cantu de Milton, from the same barn		6*s.*	0*d.*
Of T. Spert, farmer of Whitchurch in Dorset	20*l.*		
Pension of the church of West Ludeford		6*s.*	8*d.*
Pension of a house cawete		2*s.*	0*d.*
Pension of Harpetre Church		6*s.*	8*d.*
Pension of Henton Monachorum Church		6*s.*	8*d.*
From the house of James the mason ..		3*s.*	4*d.*
Pension of Crych Church		6*s.*	8*d.*
From houses of Walter Compton ..	7*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
From shops of Walter Compton at Jacobswell		6*s.*	0*d.*
Pension of Winkalton Church		3*s.*	4*d.*
Pension of the vicarage of Stoke sub Hamden		3*s.*	4*d.*
Pension of Norton Veel Church		13*s.*	4*d.*
Pension of Meryet Church		6*s.*	8*d.*
Pension of Est Coker Church		13*s.*	4*d.*
Pension of Bradford Church		6*s.*	8*d.*
Pension of Coryryvel Church	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Pension of Kingston Church		4*s.*	0*d.*
Pension of Buddecley Church		13*s.*	4*d.*
Of Thomas Wilmot, reeve of Cory ..	149*l.*	4*s.*	8*d.*
All Souls Day	16*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
by Adam Palmer		2*s.*	0*d.*
William Pyk, reeve of Westhacche ..	29*l.*	15*s.*	0¾*d.*
John atte Yerde, reeve of Bikenalre ..	9*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
John Mayhew, reeve of Burnham ..	42*l.*	0*s.*	8½*d.*
Robert Berde, reeve of Wynescombe in several payments	62*l.*	5*s.*	10*d.*
John Rok, reeve of Knappe	10*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Total	572*l.*	13*s.*	3¼*d.*

1392-1393.

Fees of seal, &c. :			
Thomas Croke of Malmesbury, for sealing his manumission	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
William Westerly, late master of the schools, for tithe		5*s.*	0*d.*
the squire of the succentor for oblations			4*d.*
Perquisites of Wynsham paid by Thomas Barton, official principal		4*s.*	6*d.*
Total receipts	575*l.*	3*s.*	1¼*d.*
Pension from Kingestayn allowed to the vicars of Wells until the death of the late rector, Robert Sheterne		4*s.*	0*d.*
Expenses.			
Commons of the bishop, dean and canons ..	223*l.*	14*s.*	4*d.*
Canons' procession	5*l.*	19*s.*	4*d.*
Commons of the vicars	58*l.*	19*s.*	5*d.*
Wine for altars, 1 quart a day at 8*d.* a gallon	3*l.*	0*s.*	10*d.*
Wine for *cena domini* and Easter		15*s.*	8*d.*
The canon of Cory	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Fetching crism oil from Wyvelescombe ..		1*s.*	7½*d.*
Rogations and St. Mark's day		7*s.*	4*d.*
Chaplain for the souls of King Edward, Queen Margaret, Elias de Godeley, &c. ..	3*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
The other chantry vacant because rent insufficient.			
Other chantries as before, but omitting Bruton's and Martel's.			
Paid treasurer for wax in exequies of Cecily, John, John and Alice Beauchamp, 2*s.*; and to sacrist, 6*d.*		2*s.*	6*d.*
Chaplain for Walter Compton	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
The bishop for rent of a tenement of W. Compton		3*s.*	4*d.*
To the escheator for the obit of John Hubard, from the same tenement		8*s.*	0*d.*
Obit of Walter Compton..	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Chaplain for Stephen Hull	5*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Total	364*l.*	17*s.*	0½*d.*
Foreign Expenses.			
Paid papal nuncio, his 4th year		7*s.*	0*d.*
Vicar of Modeford, to augment vicarage ..	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Rent to Walter Clopton, from Knapp manor	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Boys for obits	3*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

1392-1393.

Archdeacon of Wells, pension from Burnham		4*s.*	0*d.*
Procurations of Modeford and Burnham ..		15*s.*	4*d.*
Precentor of Glaston, pension from Winscomb Church		13*s.*	4*d.*
Annual gift for life to William Mason.. ..	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Steward, John Bevyn's fee, 2*l.*, and gift, 13*s.* 4*d.*	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Clerk of Cory's fee	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Thomas Barton, chapter official and advocate in consistory court	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
John Russel, chapter attorney's fee, 13*s.* 4*d.*; gift, 13*s.* 4*d.*; expenses, 9*s.* 3*d.*; his clerk, 2*s.*	1*l.*	17*s.*	11*d.*
John Fytelton's fee..	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
William Stourton's fee	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Sheriff, 2*l.*, and Walter atte More, 6*s.* 8*d.*, by order of the dean	2*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Half tenth to the king	17*l.*	19*s.*	3½*d.*
Tithe of Whitchurch in Dorset, 14*s.* 8*d.*, and Karampton, 5*s.*		19*s.*	8*d.*
Wine in the exchequer			5*d.*
Bishop's registrar, for condemnation by the vicar of Burnham, and citation..			5*d.*
William Barrow, bailiff of Wells and receiver of green wax, *pro averis in banco* for a false claim against Richard Lynde of North Cory		2*s.*	0*d.*
Walter Wynkalton and Robert Rygge at Glaston, returning from North Cory ..		2*s.*	0*d.*
Steward's servant twice to assizes at Ilchester		1*s.*	6*d.*
Expenses of others, to Forde, Cory and Athelney		9*s.*	0*d.*
Installation of Nicholas Slake, archdeacon of Wells, and Thomas Maddyley and Gilbert Stone		2*s.*	8*d.*
Total	40*l.*	4*s.*	7½*d.*
Total expenses	407*l.*	5*s.*	8*d.*
The communar owes	167*l.*	17*s.*	5¼*d.*
For canons at compotus, 33*s.* 4*d.*; auditors' expenses, 8*s.* 2*d.*	2*l.*	1*s.*	6*d.*
Computant for his manifold labour	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Received by him, account closed		1*s.*	8*d.*
And he owes	164*l.*	17*s.*	7¼*d.*
Owed by the reeve of Cory	82*l.*	9*s.*	9¼*d.*
the reeve of West Haech	7*l.*	3*s.*	0*d.*
the reeve of Bykenalre	1*l.*	12*s.*	7*d.*
the reeve of Wynescombe	10*l.*	10*s.*	3¾*d.*

1392-1393.

the reeve of Burnham	25*l.*	8*s.*	5*d.*
the reeve of Knapp	14*l.*	18*s.*	4*d.*
Total	142*l.*	2*s.*	5*d.*

20 canons in residence receive 15*l.* 7*s.* each ; remainder $\frac{1}{4}d.$

Total for commons	307*l.*	0*s.*	$0\frac{1}{4}d.$

Names of canons : T. Sudbury, dean, R. Berners, succentor, R. Sloo, T. Spert, chancellor, J. Wareyn, J. Grene, J. Byngham, subdean, W. Hethenand, R. Perle, T. Bockyng, W. Wynkalton, R. Rygge, Gr. Botteley, J. Upton, Richard Harewell, Richard Drayton, T. Frome, Roger Harewell, Richard Bruton, R. Clyst.

Bydesham. Arrears	3*l.*	5*s.*	$5\frac{1}{4}d.$
Rents, and from the reeve	13*l.*	18*s.*	10*d.*

Expenses.

Master of the schools, 26*s.* 8*d.* ; sacrist, 4*s.* 4*d.* ; coal, 7*d.* ; torches for the high altar, 9*s.* $4\frac{1}{2}d.$	2*l.*	0*s.*	$11\frac{1}{2}d.$
Ell of canvas for veil of dedication and small bell			9*d.*
For bells, grease and repairs		14*s.*	8*d.*
Keepers of the church, 20*s.* ; of the clock, 10*s.* ; of the organ, 10*s.*	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
2 great candlesticks of brass for the high altar	2*l.*	11*s.*	0*d.*
The rest of their cost, 5*l.* 1*s.*, being paid by the dean, Canon Botteley and vicar John Tyntenhall.			
Linen cloth for the high altar		2*s.*	7*d.*
Repairing corner *de textu principali*			1*d.*
Binding and mending an antiphoner		5*s.*	0*d.*
Mending a thurible and a paschal, new key for treasury		1*s.*	$2\frac{1}{2}d.$
Iron basin for coals		1*s.*	0*d.*
Mending the great organs		1*s.*	0*d.*
Silk and thread bought by the treasurer ..			10*d.*
Total	7*l.*	19*s.*	3*d.*

The communar owes	9*l.*	4*s.*	$0\frac{1}{4}d.$
Paid Thomas Carsebrook for service	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Divers expenses approved by the auditors..	1*l.*	7*s.*	11*d.*
Computant for manifold labour beyond his office	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
John Stafford, for writing the account ..		3*s.*	4*d.*
Paid in after account closed by John Sewy..		2*s.*	11*d.*
Owed by the communar	5*l.*	15*s.*	$8\frac{1}{4}d.$

1392-1393.

Berlych. Arrears		18*s.*	2*d.*
Received of prior, 25*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*; of Berwe Church, 10*l.*	35*l.*	3*s.*	4*d.*
Nicholas de Bathon's houses		10*s.*	0*d.*
Total with arrears	36*l.*	11*s.*	6*d.*
Chantries of Provost Button, St. Quinton, W. de Button, Romenale, Lullington, Bracton, Gyssich, Stratton, Greenford, Wambergh, almost as before.			
Wax for candles in the nave and behind the high altar		16*s.*	8*d.*
To the poor from Nicholas de Bathon's rents		10*s.*	0*d.*
Total	35*l.*	4*s.*	0*d.*
The communar owes	1*l.*	7*s.*	6*d.*

1394-1395.

Accounts of John Boningdon, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1394, to Michaelmas, 1395.

Arrears.—Paid to 20 canons in residence	308*l.*	15*s.*	1*d.*
Receipts.			
Walter Wynkalton, farmer of Lydiard	23*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
John Wareyn, farmer of Cheddar	26*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Walter Hethenand, farmer of Congresbury	30*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Thomas Bocking, farmer of Stokegommer	26*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Thomas Byngham, farmer of Modeford and Lovington	23*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Arnald Brocas, farmer of Canons' Barn	66*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
From Cantus de Milton of ditto		6*s.*	0*d.*
Thomas Spert, farmer of Whitchureh in Dorset	20*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
William Wreyntmore, farmer of Okampton	5*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Walter Hospinel, farmer of Southbarwe	4*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Roger Bynedon, reeve of Cory	126*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
John Colyns, reeve of Haeche	27*l.*	5*s.*	6¼*d.*
Richard Oldeman, reeve of Bykenalre	9*l.*	10*s.*	8*d.*
John Bademan, reeve of Wyneseomb	68*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Thomas Peny, reeve of Burnham	40*l.*	7*s.*	7½*d.*
John Roke, reeve of Knapp	16*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Pensions: From St. Cuthbert's, Wells	13*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Chewton Church	23*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Karampton	5*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Nether Stawey	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Norton sub Hamdon	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Other pensions as in 1392-3	13*l.*	8*s.*	8*d.*
Total	573*l.*	5*s.*	1¾*d.*

1394-1395.

Manumission of Peter Pyllerish, the bishop's neif, confirmed	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Sealing letters for indemnification of the Church of Longlete		6*s.*	8*d.*
Sealing letters of chantry of annuellar Thomas Trybulas		6*s.*	8*d.*
Sealing letters about John Barton's house in Tor lane		6*s.*	8*d.*
Total receipts besides arrears	581*l.*	8*s.*	$11\frac{3}{4}$*d.*
Defaults of rent as before, houses, 2*l.*; Kingston Church, 4*s.*	2*l.*	4*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

Commons of the bishop, dean and canons	253*l.*	18*s.*	2*d.*
Canons' procession	6*l.*	16*s.*	4*d.*
Commons of vicars	61*l.*	14*s.*	9*d.*
Ditto of chaplains of Blessed Mary	2*l.*	5*s.*	6*d.*
Ditto of keepers of the church, 1 altarist's place vacant for 1 week	2*l.*	11*s.*	8*d.*
Ditto of breviators		1*s.*	5*d.*
Wine for altars, 38*s.* 6*d.*, at 8*d.* a gallon; ditto for *cena domini* and *pasch*, 7*s.* 5*d.*	2*l.*	5*s.*	11*d.*
Canon of Cory	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Chrism oil, fetched from Wyvcliscombe		2*s.*	1*d.*
Bringers of St. Dunstan's exennium			8*d.*
Rogations and St. Mark's day		6*s.*	6*d.*
Wages of communar and tabellar	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Vicar of St. Cuthbert's house		6*s.*	8*d.*
Chantries in 1392-3, except Edward II and Godelee, one chantry vacant	6*l.*	4*s.*	10*d.*
Chantry of Stephen Hull not served.			

Foreign expenses.

Papal nuncio, 6th year, and acquittance		7*s.*	2*d.*
Other payments as 1392-3, but hereafter the vicar of Burnham to have the 4*s.*, not the archdeacon, according to the ordinance, and no extra gifts to Bevyn and Bussel			
To John Perle, king's escheator		13*s*	4*d.*
Installation of Hugh Hygolin and John Maxnysfeld, provost of Wells		1*s.*	4*d.*
To John Wycombe, proctor for the chapter		3*s.*	4*d.*
King's half-tenth, paid to the abbat of Keynesham for the archdeaconry of Wells and of Bath	14*l.*	14*s.*	$3\frac{1}{2}$*d.*
Ditto to the prior of Taunton, for the archdeaconry of Taunton	3*l.*	5*s.*	0*d.*

1394-1395.

Ditto to the abbat of Glaston, for all 3, after the Nativity of St. John the Baptist	17*l.*	19*s.*	3½*d.*
To the papal nuncio, Bartholomew de Novaria, at ½*d.* per £		14*s.*	11¾*d.*
Payments for a canon's horse and messengers to North Cory and Muchelney and *pro caniculis portandis* (? pipes) and transcribing a bull		9*s.*	4*d.*
To Walter Wynkelton, for a fine at York before the King's justices for incarceration and spoiling of a neif, Henry Crey		3*s.*	4*d.*
The dean for the visitation of Cheddar, Lydiard and Lovington	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
The archdeacon of Wells for the visitation of Modeford and Burnham Churches		15*s.*	1*d.*
To Geoffrey Larkestoke for expenses for the vacancy of Wrington Church			6*d.*

[*Side note.*] Henceforth the vicar of Burnham to be paid for procuration of the said church.

To Thomas Spert, the chancellor, 11*l.* by grace of chapter on 3rd Oct. *Cancelled* because in account of Bettesham, *vid. infra.*

To expenses against Chancellor Spert, messenger to Wiveliscombe		3*s.*	4*d.*
Getting inhibition at London, with journey to and fro, on last Sunday in Lent, by order of the dean in his chapel	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To John Moyne for copy of citation of the dean and chapter, at the instance of the Chancellor Spert		1*s.*	0*d.*
For journeys to Taunton, Wyveliscombe, Exeter and London	2*l.*	7*s.*	5*d.*
Paid in London to Mr. Denys Lopham for the same business		6*s.*	8*d.*
To Mr. Thomas Spert for 2 half-tenths to the king for the farm of Whitchurch	1*l.*	9*s.*	4*d.*
Prior of Dunster for 2 half-tenths to the king for Karampton Church		10*s.*	0*d.*
The subdean's expenses to meet Sir Peter Courtenay and treat with the abbat of Mochelney on the vacancy of Ilminster vicarage		2*s.*	4½*d.*
Expenses of the steward's servant in distraining for arrears of the reeve of Cory		10*s.*	0*d.*
Total expenses	456*l.*	12*s.*	2¼*d.*
Owed by communar	124*l.*	16*s.*	9½*d.*

1394-1395.

Received of the executors of Mr. J. Mere, precentor, for burial in church, the more both because he was a dignitary and because he left nothing to church	5*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
of annuellar Thomas Tribulas, for leaving his chantry for Stoke Giffard ..		13*s.*	4*d.*
of annuellars J. Palton and Richard Ludford, for leaving chantries unserved		13*s.*	4*d.*
Owed by communar	131*l.*	3*s.*	5½*d.*
Paid to W. Atwater, annuelar of Charley, disallowed the previous year, for not serving chantry, but paid by John Baryngton, communar, the second time, because he received the money in 1393	1*l.*	13*s.*	2*d.*
Paid to same, part of his wages, because for one quarter of the year the chantry was not served	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Expenses of the steward		5*s.*	11*d.*
Canons at the audit	1*l.*	17*s.*	4*d.*
Expenses of auditors		11*s.*	10*d.*
To the communar	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Owed by the communar	124*l.*	6*s.*	2½*d.*
by the reeve of Cory	121*l.*	2*s.*	3¼*d.*
by the reeve of Chappe	4*l.*	5*s.*	6*d.*
by the reeve of Bekynalre	12*l.*	5*s.*	11*d.*
by the reeve of Burnham	1*l.*	12*s.*	6*d.*
by the reeve of Wynscomb	16*l.*	11*s.*	1¼*d.*
Paid to each of 20 canons residing	13*l.*	19*s.*	8*d.*
Names of canons: Th. Sodbury, dean, Th. Bingham, sub-dean, Th. Bokkyng, Gregory Bottalegh, Richard Drayton, Richard Bruton, Th. Madynglegh, J. Mere, precentor, R. Harewell, R. Berners, J. Wareyn, W. Hethenam, W. Wyncaulton, J. Upton, R. Cliste, R. Sloo, J. Grene, R. Perle, R. Harewell, Th. Frome.			
BYDESHAM. Arrears	5*l.*	1*s.*	9¾*d.*
Total receipts	12*l.*	11*s.*	2*d.*

Expenses.

The master of the schools, 26*s.* 8*d.*; the sacrist, 4*s.* 4*d.*; guardians of the church, 20*s.*; organ keeper, 6*s.* 8*d.*; clock keeper, 10*s.*			
One ell of canvas for the dedication veil, and purchase of small bell			9*d.*
Mending the organs			7*d.*
Repairing 'Jhesuscote'			4*d.*
3 bags (*saccul'*) of white leather			9*d.*
Carpenter for 5 bars of iron for the door of cawete, &c.		1*s.*	10*d.*

1394-1395.

4 planks to make a muniment chest in cawete		1*s.*	4*d.*
Lock, key, white and black nails for chest and pins to support till in cawete		1*s.*	11*d.*
Hinges for chest and for till		1*s.*	2*d.*
Carpenter for 2 days and his 'nonsynch' making chest		1*s.*	1*d.*
Expenses at Glaston about tenants at Bydesham			6*d.*
Repairing 3 bells in old northern bell-tower with 'nonsynch'		17*s.*	8*d.*
2 new posts for bells, 1 clapper, and carpenter		5*s.*	4*d.*
Nails, ferules, baudrics for same, against the Ascension of B.M.		1*s.*	11*d.*
Mending lock of Lady Chapel door, and thuribles		1*s.*	3*d.*
Making 4 boys' tunics and 2½ yards of buckram		5*s.*	3½*d.*
Silk and thread for treasury		1*s.*	5*d.*
Binding 2 portifories, 3 graduals, 9 legenda and tropar with 3 skins of calf, 1 of sheep		14*s.*	8*d.*
Lead for house gutters, 5*s.*; 1½ yards of russet cloth to cover exchequer in cawete		5*s.*	7½*d.*
Mending lock and key of door of southern bell-tower and of cawete behind high altar to keep books in			6*d.*
2 lines for placing and removing a painted board above the high altar			2*d.*
To Th. Madyngle for a roll 4*d.*, and to the *rotularius*, 12*d.*		1*s.*	2*d.*
Total, 6*l.* 17*s.* 2½*d.* Owed by communar ..	10*l.*	15*s.*	9¼*d.*
Expenses of auditors, more because they are this year separate from the canons	1*l.*	12*s.*	5½*d.*
2 quires of 24 leaves for transcribing the customaries of Cory, Wynscombe, Hach, Bidsham and Bykenalre		6*s.*	8*d.*
Paid for chapter business shewn in parcels destroyed before the auditors	11*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Excess of payments	1*l.*	16*s.*	8¼*d.*
BERLICH. Arrears	1*l.*	12*s.*	9½*d.*
Total receipts	35*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*

Expenses.

Chantries and obits as before, but Romenale's	7*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Wax for the nave candle and behind the high altar, "wax being dearer"		16*s.*	9*d.*
To the poor, from Nicholas de Bathon's houses		10*s.*	0*d.*
For fetching pensions		7*s.*	8*d.*
Remains clear		11*s.*	8½*d.*

1397-1398.

ACCOUNTS of RICHARD TRIVITHEK, the ESCHEATOR, from MICHAELMAS, 1397, to MICHAELMAS, 1398.

Receipts.

Received, oblation of the Duke of Exeter ..		3*s.*	0*d.*
Ditto of the Lady of Moulne		6*s.*	8*d.*
Ditto of the dead		9*s.*	8*d.*
For palfrey and saddle of Mr. Thomas Spert	4*l.*	3*s.*	4*d.*
For the like of Mr. Ralph Berners	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Fine of William Janyng for J. Roper's house in Grope Lane		13*s.*	4*d.*
Obits of Michaelmas term.—Nicholas Selborne, 4*s.*. being by hand of T. Newman, keeper of the fabric		11*s.*	0*d.*
Obits of Christmas term.—Henry Worcestre, *nil.*			
Obits of Lady day term.—W. de Marchia, 12*d.*, not more being found in the pix of St. William.			
Increased rent: Byestwall, Isabel Truelove's house			6*d.*
Of Wiveliscombe prebend, vacant by the death of Mr. Thomas Spert	59*l.*	15*s.*	0*d.*
Wedmore II prebend, vacant by the death of Mr. Ralph Berners	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Combe XIV prebend, vacant by the death of Mr. John Yarnemothe		6*s.*	8*d.*
Ilminster prebend, vacant by the death of William Schepton, abbat of Muchelney, in part payment	3*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

Distribution of oblations: To 59 persons from Mr. T. Spert's palfrey and saddle, 44*s.* 4*d.*; horse keeper, 2*s.*; horse and expenses for 9 days, 2*s.* 3*d.*			
Wedmore I prebend, vacant by the death of Robert Strotton, to 56 persons	11*l.*	4*s.*	0*d.*
To chapter	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Harptre prebend, vacant by the death of Hugh Bulneye (deceased's portion 3*l.* 17*s.* 9½*d.*, quarter of tenth 4*s.*, ditch and expenses 2*s.* 8*d.*, vicar's stipend 26*s.* 8*d.*)	7*l.*	12*s.*	5*d.*
Wedmore V prebend, vacant by the death of Mr. John Upton, to 59 persons (deceased's portion 25*s.* 4*d.*, half of tenth, 4*s.*)	2*l.*	9*s.*	2*d.*

1397-1398.

Dinder prebend, vacant by the death of Mr. Michael Sergovoys, to 60 persons (deceased's portion 35*s.* 6½*d.*).	3*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
Barton prebend, vacant by the death of Mr. William Colwyle, to 58 persons (deceased's portion 2*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*, quarter of tenth 5*s.* 4*d.*, reading Epistle, and rectory 3*s.* 4*d.*)	5*l.*	16*s.*	0*d.*
Ilminster prebend, vacant by the death of William Schepton, abbat of Muchelney, to 59 persons	2*l.*	4*s.*	3*d.*
Escheator's journeys to London, Wiveliscomb, Exeter &c. about the prebend of Wyveliscombe	4*l.*	12*s.*	3*d.*
Expenses about the prebend of Ilminster		13*s.*	5*d.*
Welsh board for door in Torlane and carpenter, 2 days with 'nonchynch'		2*s.*	8*d.*
To escheator 13*s.* 4*d.*, the more because of his trouble in London about vacant prebends; 7*l.* 7*s.* 7½*d.*, distributed at exchequer to 59 persons; wine for auditors. 9¾*d.* ..			

1399-1400.

Accounts of Roger Mellis, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1399, to Michaelmas, 1400.

Receipts.

Received from the pix of St. Andrew		19*s.*	6½*d.*
from oblations of the dead	1*l.*	12*s.*	2½*d.*
from Robert de Somerton, vicar of Chew, dean, or crucifer of bishop Ralph Ergum at the time of his body lying unburied in the Palace chapel		2*s.*	10*d.*
from the palfrey and saddle of bishop Ergum	7*l.*	15*s.*	8*d.*
from a silken girdle studded with silver, the mortuary of John Garthorp the younger, who died in a canonical house		16*s.*	0*d.*
Obits of Michaelmas term.—William Cookham, the first year	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Obits of St. John Baptist's term.—One procession on Assumption of B.M., for William Odecombe, third year..		5*s.*	0*d.*
Obit of same, second year		10*s.*	0*d.*
Procession to the image of Holy Cross on the eve of the Exaltation of Holy Cross, for Thomas Lupyate		5*s.*	0*d.*
Increase of rent of houses in Torre lane for R. Button's obit (henceforth only 16*s.* allowed unless by grace of chapter)	2*l.*	3*s.*	8*d.*

1399–1400.

From Combe IV, vacant by the death of Adam Holme .. .. 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Eston in Gordano, vacant by the death of John Maunder .. .. 14*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Ilminster, vacant by the death of Nicholas Strotton, abbat of Muchelney .. .. 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Mr. Thomas Barton, for proving the will of preb. of Ilton during vacancy of prebend .. .. 3*s.* 4*d.*

Distributed to 55 persons from Bishop Ergum's palfrey and saddle .. .. .. 7*l.* 8*s.* 11½*d.*

Distributed to 58 persons from vacancy of Ilton prebend .. .. 13*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*

And for portion of dead, given to the fabric of the church .. .. 16*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

Obits of Michaelmas term.—Exequies of William Cookham, among 51 persons at dirge, 10*s.* 7½*d.*, and 2½*d.* each to the altarist and choristers; at mass 8*s.* 7*d.*, and 2*d.* each to the altarist and choristers.

Expenses.

Riding to Eston Gordon twice, for sequestration of prebend, and horse hire .. .. 5*s.* 4*d.*

Letter of sequestration of the same .. .. 1*s.* 0*d.*

To the vicar of the stall of Ilton prebend, vacant .. .. 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Carriage of revenue of Ilton prebend to Wells, twice .. .. 3*s.* 4*d.*

Scouring a ditch at the rectory of Ilton .. 1*s.* 0*d.*

Fine therefor paid to *Comes Somersetensis* .. 1*s.* 6*d.*

Fee to the *palfredarius* of Bishop Ergum .. 2*s.* 0*d.*

Hay, oats and bread for 10 days for the palfrey .. .. 3*s.* 5*d.*

Halter for same 6*d.*, and to the keeper 1*s.* 8*d.* 2*s.* 2*d.*

Paid the escheator for trouble in sale of same palfrey and about vacancies .. .. 3*s.* 4*d.*

Balance, 7*l.* 15*s.* 4½*d.*, distributed to 57 persons, and remainder 1*s.* paid to succeeding escheator.

2*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* paid to the communar in part payment of 20*l.* to be repaid by next escheator.

Arrears of Wiveliscomb prebend, vacant by the death of Mr. Thomas Spert .. 51*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*

Wedmore I, vacant by the death of Thomas de Sudbury, late dean .. 40*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*

house at the corner of the churchyard, for 3½ years .. .. 1*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*

Sutton, vacant by the death of John Huwysh, abbat of Athelney .. .. 3*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*

Ilminster, vacant by the death of Nicholas Stratton, abbat of Muchelney 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

1399–1400.

Eston in Gordano, vacant by the death of John Maunder	14*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Combe IV, vacant by the death of Adam Holme	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*

1400–1401.

Accounts of John Bonyngdon, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1400, to Michaelmas, 1401.

Arrears	414*l.*	7*s.*	0*d.*
To 17 canons resident the past year	413*l.*	0*s.*	7*d.*
Received of farmers and from pensions as in 1392-3	238*l.*	12*s.*	8*d.*
houses of cawete, Jacob, W. Compton, and shop	9*l.*	16*s.*	0*d.*
other pensions of churches as in 1392-3, omitting Norton Veel	3*l.*	6*s.*	9*d.*
pension of Lullington church, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Keynsham vicarage, 3*s.* 4*d.*		10*s.*	0*d.*
of Gilbert Denys, knt., for farm of Pokelchurch	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Agnes Mogg's houses, 10*s.*; shops adjoining, 10*s.*	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
of William atte Ythe, reeve of Hacch ..	130*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
John Pode, reeve of Hacch	37*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
Walter atte Yerde, reeve of Bykenalre..	14*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Robert Berde, reeve of Wynescombe ..	63*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
Thomas Peny, reeve of Burnham ..	30*l.*	12*s.*	2½*d.*
William Hyckes, reeve of Knappe ..	13*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Sealing for land for house to be built in Lydeard		13*s.*	4*d.*
of John Hody, official of the archdeacon of Taunton, for vacancy of Wotton church, near Dunster			8*d.*
ditto, Widecomb		6*s.*	8*d.*
perquisition of chapters of Winsham and Cumbe		11*s.*	6*d.*
Thomas Terry's journey to the abbat of Mochelney		1*s.*	8*d.*
manumission of Nicholas Stonard of Cory	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Total receipts	613*l.*	18*s.*	0½*d.*

Expenses.

Defaults of rent.—W. Compton's houses ..	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Commons of the bishop, dean and canons ..	180*l.*	8*s.*	0*d.*
Process on of canons	5*l.*	14*s.*	4*d.*

1400–1401.

Commons of the vicars	56*l.*	13*s.*	2*d.*
of the chaplains of B.M., guardians of the church and the breviators	4*l.*	18*s.*	11*d.*
Wine for altars at 8*d.*, afterwards 6*d.* a gallon	2*l.*	7*s.*	7*d.*
Wine for *cena domini* and *pasch* at 6*d.* ..		9*s.*	9*d.*
To canon of Cory	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Chrism oil, fetched from Bridgwater		2*s.*	0*d.*
Chantries and obits as in 1392-3, and other payments nearly the same, except for King Edward II &c.	6*l.*	4*s.*	10*d.*
Foreign expenses.			
To Papal nuncio, his 12th year		7*s.*	0*d.*
Modeford augmentation, 2*l.*; boys, 3*l.*; Winscombe pension, 13*s.* 4*d.*	5*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Fees to Bevyn, 2*l.*; Stourton, 1*l.*; William Paulet, 1*l.*; Russel, 1*l.*	5*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Nicholas Barwe, clerk of Cory, by the steward	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Mr. Thomas Barton, chapter official	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Nicholas Mottelbury, chapter attorney ..		13*s.*	4*d.*
The same for proceedings against Cory ..	2*l.*	15*s.*	8*d.*
John Russel, for the suit against Sir Peter Cortenay about Cory, at the assizes and London	1*l.*	1*s.*	0*d.*
Installation of J. Gamalle, Mr. Rich. Puttys, Mr. H. Merston and Mr. John de Bathon..		2*s.*	8*d.*
William atte Water of chantry of S. Hull, for disallowance last year		9*s.*	5*d.*
Expenses at Exeter and London, to the sheriff and deputy, about Cory	10*l.*	10*s.*	6*d.*
Walter atte More, under-sheriff, and finding him	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Expenses of Mr. Walter Craas at Sherbourne and Ilchester	1*l.*	10*s.*	11*d.*
Gifts to William Poulet and William More of Taunton		13*s.*	4*d.*
Expenses about Mogg's houses, ad quod dampnum and mortmain	2*l.*	19*s.*	4*d.*
Expenses at Brigwater and Ilchester about the agreement as to North Cory	17*l.*	13*s.*	7*d.*
The vicar of Pucklechurch	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Expenses at Worcester and Wells before the prior of St. John's, about Pucklechurch ..	2*l.*	19*s.*	10*d.*
Matthew Coker and John Grene, after Easter	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
John Hone on the morrow of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist	3*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Exequies of Bishop Ralph Ergum, and chaplain	5*l.*	14*s.*	0*d.*
Servant of Sir Gilbert Denys, for venison from Pucklechurch for the canons		2*s.*	0*d.*

1400–1401.

The prior of Taunton, the first half of the King's tenth	17*l.*	19*s.*	3½*d.*
The farmer of Whitchurch, for the like		14*s.*	8*d.*
The prior of Dunster, for the like, for Karampton church		5*s.*	0*d.*
Geoffrey the runner, for journeys to Burnham, Bristol, Exeter &c.		12*s.*	5½*d.*
The same for a journey to London *pro decanatus Well' exploracione si renunciatur ess' apellac'*		3*s.*	4*d.*
For disallowance at last audit of W. Wynkalton's expenses, paid at dividend	5*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
For disallowance of Mr. Ralph Canon for 18 days spent in London about Mogg's houses and mortmain		12*s.*	0*d.*
Walter atte More, under-sheriff, for returning writs about North Cory		6*s.*	8*d.*
Total expenses	425*l.*	7*s.*	5½*d.*
Owing by communar	188*l.*	10*s.*	7*d.*
Repairing the rector's house at South Barwe		13*s.*	4*d.*
The precentor, R. Ergum, overcharged last year		10*s.*	0*d.*
Paid at the audit to the communar, canons and auditors	2*l.*	14*s.*	0*d.*
The communar owes	185*l.*	7*s.*	3*d.*
The reeve of Cory owes	132*l.*	3*s.*	11¾*d.*
The reeve of Knapp owes	10*l.*	18*s.*	3½*d.*
The reeve of Westhacche owes	3*l.*	18*s.*	4¼*d.*
The reeve of Bykenalre owes	2*l.*	15*s.*	7½*d.*
The reeve of Burnham owes	17*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
The reeve of Winscombe owes	33*l.*	7*s.*	1½*d.*
Grand total	386*l.*	3*s.*	11½*d.*
16 canons receive each	24*l.*	2*s.*	9*d.*

Names of the canons : Thomas Bengham, Gregory Bottele, Richard Drayton, Richard Brutton, Thomas Maddyngle, Thomas Terry, Ralph Ergoum, Roger Harwell, William Calf, Walter Wyncaulton, Thomas Forme, John Grene, John Colnesheye, Walter Craas, Richard Harwell, Ralph Canon.

Bydesham. Arrears	12*l.*	18*s.*	6¼*d.*
Rents &c. from the houses and reeves	15*l.*	10*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

To the master of the schools, 26*s.* 8*d.* ; the sacrist, 4*s.* 4*d.* ; coal, 8*d.* ; canvas and bell, 9*d.* ; grease for bells, 1*s.*	1*l.*	13*s.*	5*d.*

1400–1401.

The keepers of the church, 1*l.*; the clock, 10*s.*; organs, 6*s.* 8*d.*; blowers, 10*d.* ..	1*l.*	17*s.*	6*d.*
Buckram, silk and taffeta, for mending vestments and copes		1*s.*	8*d.*
For 18 girdles of white thread			11*d.*
For a new dragon to carry before the procession in rogations		6*s.*	8*d.*
Mending the great daily cross and gilding the image on it		6*s.*	4*d.*
The countess of Kent's servant, for bringing her gift of 2 cloths of gold for the sepulchre	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
For new iron stanchion for the large holy water stoup in the choir [*in j coterel' ferri de novo facto pro majore tenell' aque benedicte in choro*], and an iron chain and rod for a gradual of Thomas Curteys in choir		1*s.*	4*d.*
For bread and wine for the burgesses when they sealed the letter of seisin for Mogg's houses by Moner's *hospitium*		2*s.*	8*d.*
The like within the houses		2*s.*	2*d.*
Wages of Thomas Casbroke	1*l.*	10*s.*	4*d.*
To the chapter proctor and other officials	2*l.*	4*s.*	3*d.*
Red wax for sealing during 3 years			7*d.*
Total, 9*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*, and the communar owes	19*l.*	1*s.*	0¼*d.*
Allowed for expenses of audit and to the communar	4*l.*	6*s.*	1*d.*
2 servants buying victuals and cooking at time of the account		4*s.*	0*d.*
BERLYCH. Arrears	1*l.*	13*s.*	10½*d.*
Receipts, as before	35*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Chantries and obits, as in 1392-3.			
Wax for candles in the nave before the cross and behind the high altar before the cross there, and for 6 chaplains at the altar of St. Nicholas in the chapel of Blessed Mary near the cloister, more than usual because matins formerly said in the day-time are said in choir from Trinity to the Chains of St. Peter		16*s.*	7*d.*
Mending an old missal for the altar of St. Nicholas, binding, clasps and calf's skin, with fresh writing in divers parts		11*s.*	2*d.*
6 girdles of white thread for vestments there			4*d.*

1400–1401.

ACCOUNTS of JOHN AXMYNSTER, the ESCHEATOR, from MICHAELMAS, 1400, to MICHAELMAS, 1401.

Receipts.

From the palfrey and saddle of John Manston	2*l.*	4*s.*	0*d.*
From the palfrey and saddle of John Cholneseye	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
From Haselbere prebend, vacant by the death of John Manston	12*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
From Compton Bishop's prebend, vacant by the death of John Cholneseye..	30*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

Distributed to 41 persons from J. Manston's palfrey and saddle	2*l.*	1*s.*	0*d.*
And to 44 persons from J. Cholneseye's palfrey and saddle	2*l.*	0*s.*	4*d.*
And to 55 persons from the vacancy of Eston in Gordano	8*l.*	14*s.*	2*d.*
Portion of deceased John Maunder	4*l.*	8*s.*	10½*d.*
To 56 persons from the prebend of Combe IV, vacant by the death of Adam Holme ..	3*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
Portion of deceased	1*l.*	15*s.*	6½*d.*
To the prebend of Haselbar, with horse hire		15*s.*	10*d.*
To the prebend of Eston in Gordano		2*s.*	0*d.*
Repairs of houses in Tor lane	1*l.*	7*s.*	0*d.*
1 yard of russet to cover the table in the escheator's office			6*d.*
The King's writs about the houses of John Webbe and John Fugaler		6*s.*	8*d.*
Visitation of houses by 2 canons and 4 vicars, for wine			6½*d.*
Sequestration of the prebends of Haselbar and Compton Episcopi			6*d.*
Making a new kalendar of obits		1*s.*	10*d.*
Paid to the communar by Roger Mell, in part payment of a bill for vacancies of prebends, by order of the auditors	2*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Mr. Richard Clyfford, as agreed with chapter, from prebend of Wiveliscomb	29*l.*	15*s.*	0*d.*
The executor of Mr. Thomas Spert, for his portion of the same	6*l.*	1*s.*	0*d.*
The communar, for confirmatory 'bulla' and other expenses about the prebend of Winescomb [? Wiveliscombe]	15*l.*	19*s.*	0*d.*
The communar, for the said bulla about the vacancy of Sutton	3*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
The like, about the vacancy of Ilmyster ..	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
The escheator, for rent of St. Gabriel the Archangel, 2 years	1*l.*	1*s.*	0*d.*
To him in full payment of the said bulla ..		14*s.*	0*d.*

1402–1403.

Accounts of William Mayou, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1402, to Michaelmas, 1403.

Receipts.

Oblations of the dead		6*s.*	3*d.*
Obits: Christmas term.—H. Worcester, nothing for lack of oblations; Wm. Odcomb and procession on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin at 2nd vespers, the 5th year		15*s.*	0*d.*
Prebend.—Combe VI, vacant by the death of John Brampton	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Mortuary of Thomas Rychmond, viz. a horse, conditionally on its not being of the bishop's right	1*l.*	14*s.*	4*d.*

Expenses.

Defect of rent of Jolenta Whatlegh's house, granted for 3 years to Burgess John Blythe and the master of the borough of Wells..		7*s.*	0*d.*
To the deceased prebendary of Yatton for his portion, tithes and repairs, and expenses of proctors of Prebendary Thomas Langlegh from London thrice &c. as agreed between the chapter and proctors	22*l.*	15*s.*	7*d.*
T. Rychmond's mortuary, one horse, distributed to 49 persons	1*l.*	13*s.*	8*d.*
Obit of Hugh Lymington, nothing, because Ralph Canon refuses to pay rent till he has a sealed charter, but 10*s.* was received in Christmas term above.			

Foreign Expenses.

Journeys to London to treat with T. Langlegh, prebendary of Yatton, about the vacancy of said prebend	4*l.*	7*s.*	2*d.*
For 4½ days about the prebends of Combe XIII and VI	1*l.*	1*s.*	6*d.*
2 canons and 2 vicars and their servants, visitation of houses, for wine			8*d.*
Care of the mortuary of Thomas Rychmond			8*d.*
Citation of the master of St. John's, Bristol			4*d.*
Among debtors: The executors of John Gurdell, for Roger Cruk's houses ..		10*s.*	0*d.*
The executors of Stephen Penpell, for his obit for 9 years	9*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Mr. Henry Beaufort, late dean, for the vacancy of Wedmore I by death of Mr. Thomas Sudbury, the late dean..	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

1407–1408.

Accounts of Robert Burgh, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1407, to Michaelmas, 1408.

Arrears paid to 17 canons of preceding year	351*l.*	13*s.*	3*d.*
Receipts.			
From farmers and from pensions, as in 1394-5			
Pension of Lyllington church		6*s.*	8*d.*
Sir Gilbert Denys, farmer of the church at Pucklechurch	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
John Hull, burgess of Wells, rent of Mogg's houses, *magnum hospitium*, and 4 shops..	3*l.*	12*s.*	0*d.*
William Loue, reeve of North Cory	116*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Sir John Lorty, bailiff of the hundred of North Cory	9*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
Henry Vox, reeve of Est Cory	84*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
Walter Dodde, reeve of Westhacch	22*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Walter atte Yerd, reeve of Bykenalre.. ..	10*l.*	4*s.*	0*d.*
William Grygge, reeve of Winscombe ..	71*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Walter Frankleyn, reeve of Knapp	18*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
John Quyk, reeve of Burnham	33*l.*	13*s.*	9*d.*
Sir John Lorty, bailiff of the hundred of North Cory	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Pro arbor' nucior' (Spanish chestnut), sold at Pucklechurch	2*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
From the church at Pucklechurch..	8*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Total	714*l.*	4*s.*	9*d.*
Expenses.			
For sealing letters	3*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Journey of Thomas Terry to the abbat of Muchelney		1*s.*	8*d.*
For vacancy of churches	2*l.*	19*s.*	3½*d.*
Perquisites of chapter of Winssham and Combe		4*s.*	0*d.*
Commons of the bishop, dean and canons..	221*l.*	19*s.*	4*d.*
Procession of canons	5*l.*	11*s.*	8*d.*
Commons of the vicars, for 53 weeks.. ..	54*l.*	2*s.*	7*d.*
The master of the schools	1*l.*	10*s.*	4*d.*
Commons of the chaplains of Blessed Mary..	2*l.*	6*s.*	4½*d.*
Commons of the keepers of church	2*l.*	13*s.*	0*d.*
Commons of the breviators		1*s.*	4*d.*
Wine for altars, at 10*d.*, 8*d.* or 6*d.* a gallon .	2*l.*	19*s.*	4*d.*
Chantries and obits, as usual			
Fetching oil for chrism from Exeter		2*s.*	8*d.*
Total	357*l.*	6*s.*	4½*d.*

1407–1408.

Foreign expenses.

To the Papal nuncio, his 18th year		7*s.*	0*d.*
Annual fees to J. Bewyn, W. and J. Stocton, Powlet, Russel, Barton	6*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To Nicholas Barwe, clerk of Cory	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To Nicholas Muttelbury, fee and procuring writs in Hilary and Easter terms		19*s.*	1*d.*
Mr. Ralph Canon, expenses at Taunton before the justices of the forest..		7*s.*	0*d.*
Paid 2 tenants of Westhach, for overpayment of one-fifteenth to the King ..		15*s.*	7*d.*
The escheator for exequies of Bishop Ergum	1*l.*	4*s.*	2*d.*
The annuellar &c. for the chantry of Bishop Ergum	4*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
For the visitation of Modeford by the archdeacon of Wells		7*s.*	7½*d.*
Marginal note. Henceforth procurations not to be paid unless the archdeacon come *in propria persona vel sufficienter per bullam.*			
Half-tenth paid to abbat of Glaston	17*l.*	19*s.*	3½*d.*
The like to Mr. Robert Rygg, for Whitchurch		14*s.*	8*d.*
The like to the prior of Dunster, for Karamptom church		5*s.*	0*d.*
Expenses of the steward about the agreement with Sir Gilbert Denys and on other occasions	1*l.*	3*s.*	2*d.*
Replevin against Humfrey Stafford, lawyer's fees and horse hire	2*l.*	0*s.*	1*d.*
Expenses against Hugh Cortenay at Bampton and the assizes at Sherborne and Taunton	3*l.*	17*s.*	11*d.*
Repairing the barn of South Barrow	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Paid the abbat of Clive, collector of the subsidy of 1½*d. de libris Amboeiatoribus* to Rome, granted by Convocation	2*l.*	4*s.*	11*d.*
Mr. Robert Rugg for 3 years' rent of his farm, and for ash trees	2*l.*	6*s.*	0*d.*
Installing of J. Stortwaite. J. Hody, J. Halewell, H. Gardiner, J. Frank and Roger Wodehale		4*s.*	0*d.*
Expenses of Geoffrey the cursor to Cory, Chewton, Shaftesbury, Wilton, Wedmor, Wardour, Bristol &c.		9*s.*	3*d.*
Repairs of shop at Jacobswell, new gable, two chimnies		13*s.*	5*d.*
For half-fifteenth to the King for Westhache		15*s.*	9*d.*
Total expenses	416*l.*	12*s.*	9*d.*

1407–1408.

Expenses of audit and rewards	5*l.*	5*s.*	4*d.*
Owing by the communar	298*l.*	11*s.*	7½*d.*
by the reeve of Cory	51*l.*	0*s.*	3½*d.*
by the reeve of Est Cory	7*l.*	5*s.*	11*d.*
by the reeve of Knapp	3*l.*	11*s.*	9*d.*
by the reeve of Westhacche	3*l.*	17*s.*	1*d.*
by the reeve of Burnham	1*l.*	8*s.*	10¼*d.*
by the reeve of Wynscomb	4*l.*	13*s.*	8½*d.*
by the bailiff of the hundred of Cory	1*l.*	6*s.*	0*d.*
by Gilbert Denys, for wood at Crotesmor	5*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
by Richard Louker of Carent and Laurence Elleworth of Whitchurch	2*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
Vacancy of Minehead church		11*s.*	6*d.*
Debts, 81*l.* 18*s.* 5¼*d.* Grand total.	380*l.*	10*s.*	0¾*d.*

19 canons residing receive each (plus in toto 6½*d.*) 20*l.* 0*s.* 6½*d.*

Names of the canons: Richard Bruton, chancellor, Thomas Madynglegh, Thomas Terry, John Orum, John Hody, Richard Drayton, Robert Rygge, Ralph Ergoum, precentor, Roger Harewell, William Calf, Walter Wyncalton, Thomas Frome, John Grene, Richard Penyfader, Richard Harewell, Ralph Canon, William Exceter, John Bonyngdon, Thomas Cosyn.

Bydesham. Receipts	12*l.*	12*s.*	8½*d.*

Expenses.

Usual payments to the master of the schools, clock-keeper, &c.			
John Mastery, for 6 girdles for vestments			3*d.*
The escheator, for the exequies of Mr. Thomas Byngham, 3rd year	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Key for the door of the great organ			3*d.*
Wax and mending of bells		3*s.*	7½*d.*
For thread and rings, and making the veil before high altar			9*d.*
Making tunic for St. Saviour for the Easter play, and for dyeing		1*s.*	8*d.*
Mending a missal for the high altar			7*d.*
Binding and mending an ordinal hanging in library		1*s.*	0*d.*
The like for an antiphonar, hanging on the south side of the choir		5*s.*	8*d.*
Mending a gradual and an antiphonar on the second bench on the dean's side		1*s.*	4*d.*
Binding and mending 2 psalters for the altar of St. John and St. Stephen		1*s.*	3*d.*

1407–1408.

7 ells of Flemish cloth and for making 2 albs and amices for the tabellar and mending 3 others for choristers		6*s.*	3*d.*
1*lb.* and half-quarter of green and red thread, 5 yds. buckram and 2 pieces of silk of 14 yds., for copes in the treasury		8*s.*	6*d.*
One piece de card' [? *carda*] of 15 yards, for copes and other vestments..		5*s.*	4*d.*
3 yards of red buckram and 3 yards of green taffeta		5*s.*	2*d.*
Making and mending of said vestments and making 4 tunics for the tabellar and choristers		5*s.*	5*d.*
David the goldsmith, for mending the great thurible		3*s.*	4*d.*
The messenger who brought precious vestments given for the souls of the Lords of Lovel and Holond	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Two pieces of red silk ribbon, 13 yards ..		2*s.*	4*d.*
3 yards of green taffeta		2*s.*	0*d.*
5 yards of green "card" for a cope and tunicle for the tabellar and choristers		1*s.*	7*d.*
The chapter proctor		3*s.*	4*d.*
Expenses of auditors in collecting moneys and arranging with tenants	1*l.*	0*s.*	4*d.*
Owing by the communar	12*l.*	12*s.*	8½*d.*
BERLICH. Usual receipts with arrears ..	36*l.*	4*s.*	9*d.*

Expenses.

Chantries &c. as usual, but 8 chaplains at St. Nicholas' altar	35*l.*	3*s.*	2*d.*
Owing by the communar	1*l.*	1*s.*	7*d.*

1408–1409.

ACCOUNTS of ROBERT BURGH, the COMMUNAR, from MICHAELMAS, 1408, to MICHAELMAS, 1409.

Arrears, paid to 19 canons resident	380*l.*	10*s.*	0¾*d.*

Receipts.

Sir Gilbert Denys, for the farm of Pucklechurch, 5*l.* being remitted for the first term	35*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Perquisites of court at Pucklechurch		8*s.*	9*d.*
John Vox, reeve of North Cory	126*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Walter Gandyr, reeve of Est Cory ..	82*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Walter Dodde, reeve of West Hatch ..	24*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Walter Atte Yerde, reeve of Bykenalre	51*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
William Grygge, reeve of Wynscomb ..	78*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

1408–1409.

Henry Forest, reeve of Knapp	21*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
John Quyke, reeve of Burnham	34*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Sir John Lorty, bailiff of the hundred of North Cory	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
For trespass against the Wells cause		4*s.*	3*d.*
Mr. John Hody, for the vacancy of Sokke church	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Perquisites of the chapter of Wynesham and Combe		8*s.*	6*d.*
For a road near the *hospitium* of the abbat of Muchelney		1*s.*	8*d.*
Total receipts	714*l.*	10*s.*	10½*d.*

Expenses.

Defaults of rent : W. Compton's houses ..	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
for a lane between the *hospitia* of the abbat of Muchelney and Ralph Canon		1*s.*	8*d.*
Commons of the bishop, dean and canons..	194*l.*	6*s.*	2*d.*
Procession of canons	5*l.*	2*s.*	0*d.*
Commons of the vicars	56*l.*	2*s.*	4*d.*
Commons of the master of the schools, because he did not wear his habit in the choir		nil.	
Commons of the chaplains of B.M., 45*s.* 6*d.* ; of the keepers of the church, 52*s.* ; of the breviators, 23*d.*	4*l.*	19*s.*	5*d.*
Wine, some at 8*d.*, some at 6*d.* a gallon ..	2*l.*	12*s.*	11*d.*
Wine for *cena domini* and *pasche*, at 8*d.* a gallon		13*s.*	11*d.*
Total	329*l.*	0*s.*	1*d.*

Foreign Expenses.

The chapter attorney, for getting letters against certain persons	1*l.*	4*s.*	7*d.*
The abbat of Glaston, for two half-tenths ..	35*l.*	18*s.*	7*d.*
Mr. R. Rygg, for two half-tenths for Whitchurch	29*l.*	0*s.*	8*d.*
The prior of Dunster, for two half-tenths for Karampton church		10*s.*	0*d.*
The prior of Worcester, for indemnity and vacancy of Pucklechurch church		6*s.*	8*d.*
The prior of Taunton, collector of 2½*d.* in the £, *Ambaciasoribus pro Unione Ecclesie transeuntibus*	3*l.*	13*s.*	10¼*d.*
The escheator, for exequies of Bishop Ergum	1*l.*	4*s.*	4*d.*
No visitation of the archdeaconry of Wells, in the farm of Modeford		nil.	

1408–1409.

Gift to Richard Otery, the King's escheator		13*s.*	4*d.*
Expenses of the visitation of the farms of the church	2*l.*	14*s.*	6*d.*
Making a wall between the *hospitia* of R. Canon and J. Hody, and 53 cartloads of stone		2*s.*	4*d.*
Holding a court at Pucklechurch		17*s.*	0*d.*
Installing Masters J. Rowlond, J. Knight and Thomas Schalford		2*s.*	0*d.*
The commonalty of Wells, arrears of rent for a shop at Jacobswell		6*s.*	0*d.*
Selling tithes at Sook		1*s.*	6*d.*
Lead for a shop roof and plumber, and sawn planks for door		8*s.*	11*d.*
Expenses to arrange with Humfrey Stafford about the pension from Knapp	1*l.*	0*s.*	5*d.*
Expenses to treat with the lord of Bath	1*l.*	0*s.*	11*d.*
To cooks and bakers of the lord of Bath on Easter day	1*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
To Mr. Robert Rygg, for 2 subsidies of the clergy of the province of Canterbury to Rome about union, for archdeaconry of Dorset	1*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Visitation of Stokegommer, Congaresbury and Modeford by Bishop Bubwith		4*s.*	10*d.*
	1*l.*	0*s.*	9*d.*
Total expenses	408*l.*	5*s.*	11¼*d.*

Receipts.

The reeve of Burnham	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Maurice Gregory, from Pucklechurch		8*s.*	0*d.*
Expenses of audit and fees	6*l.*	6*s.*	0*d.*
To the prior of St. John of Wells, sub-conservator of privileges of chapter		6*s.*	8*d.*
Owing by the communar	302*l.*	0*s.*	3¼*d.*
by the reeve of Cory	23*l.*	5*s.*	8*d.*
by the reeve of Est Cory	25*l.*	7*s.*	9½*d.*
by the reeve of Knapp	15*l.*	0*s.*	5½*d.*
by the reeve of West Hatch		8*s.*	11*d.*
by the reeve of Bykenalre		8*s.*	0*d.*
by the reeve of Burnham	6*l.*	13*s.*	0*d.*
by the reeve of Winscomb	7*l.*	16*s.*	9*d.*
by the bailiff of the hundred of Cory	3*l.*	6*s.*	9*d.*
Grand total	384*l.*	7*s.*	7¼*d.*

16 canons resident receive each, leaving ¾*d.* over	24*l.*	0*s.*	6*d.*

1408–1409.

Canons: Richard Bruton, Thomas Maddynglegh, John Hody, Walter Wincelton, Richard Drayton, Ralph Ergom, precentor, Roger Harewell, William Calfe, John Bonyngdon, Thomas Cosyn, John Grene, Richard Harewell, Ralph Canon, William Excestre, Thomas Frome, Richard Penyfader.

Bydesham. Receipts and arrears	24*l.*	4*s.*	4½*d.*

Expenses.

To the master of the schools, because he did not wear habit in the choir, nor did anything therein, only		13*s.*	4*d.*
To the sacrist, the keepers of the church and the clock, oil &c.	1*l.*	16*s.*	9*d.*
2 cords for the picture [*pro tabula*] behind the high altar and 2 bawdricks..		1*s.*	1*d.*
Mending a staff given by Dean Stanleigh ..			4*d.*
2 torches for the high altar, weighing 69lbs., and for making	1*l.*	11*s.*	8*d.*
To the escheator for the obit of Sub-dean Bingham	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Mending and binding a gradual on the dean's side, and a *collectarium* and antiphonar		1*s.*	8*d.*
Mending a silver candelabrum and thurible..		2*s.*	5*d.*
Mending and making carpets about the high altar and binding 4 pencoll' [? pencells] for the sepulchre of the Lord			8*d.*
A chain for an antiphonar on the dean's side			7*d.*
Key and staple for the door of St. Mary's clerk			4*d.*
Rachokes and nails for the bishop's pulpit and the dean's stall			3*d.*
Mending 3 albs and amices and for thread for treasury			8*d.*
Mending the gown of the Holy Saviour for the Easter play			7*d.*
24 yards of "card" to mend the cloth before the images of the high altar			7½*d.*
10 yards of Irish linen cloth for the same ..		2*s.*	6*d.*
3½*lbs.* of linen twist, for a cord to draw the said cloth to and fro		3*s.*	3*d.*
Rulenlyr [?] and sewing the cloth, and making the cord		6*s.*	4*d.*
2 "chafers" to warm the celebrant's hands at high mass		1*s.*	9*d.*
To double the triangle in the treasury with linen cloth			6*d.*
3 yards of broad cloth to cover the exchequer		4*s.*	4*d.*
Spent in the treasury for keeping relics, books, vestments &c.	7*l.*	16*s.*	5*d.*

1408–1409.

Commons of chaplain of the chapter mass, from St. Dunstan to Michaelmas		3*s.*	1*d.*
To John Helcombe, master of the choristers, for training boys in grammar		6*s.*	8*d.*
Indentures between the dean and chapter and the tenants of Bydesham		3*s.*	4*d.*
Total expenses	16*l.*	10*s.*	7½*d.*
BERLICH. Receipts and arrears	36*l.*	14*s.*	11*d.*

Expenses.

Usual payments to chaplains &c.			
For 1 long cord for the light hanging in the nave			4*d.*
To Nicholas Belle, for exchanging a chalice for St. Nicholas' altar..		13*s.*	4*d.*

1408–1409.

ACCOUNTS of JOHN HALSTON, the ESCHEATOR, from MICHAELMAS, 1408, to MICHAELMAS, 1409.

Receipts.

Oblations of the lord bishop		6*s.*	8*d.*
Oblations of the dead		5*s.*	3*d.*
Palfrey and saddle of Thomas Terry	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
The like of John Bonyngdon	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Obit of Cristina Barbor, to be kept hereafter in May.			
Increase of rent of John Webbe's house, late John Feddyng's, occupied for 3 quarters at 2*s.* the quarter		1*s.*	0*d.*
From the prebend Wedmore II, vacant by the death of John Gamull	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
From Buckland Denham, vacant by the death of Thomas Terry	10*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
From Wedmore IV, vacant by the death of John Bonyngdon	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

Paid to John Bowe for one subsidy		1*s.*	4*d.*
To 50 persons, 10*d.* each, from T. Terry's palfrey and saddle	2*l.*	1*s.*	8*d.*
To 48 persons, 10*d.* each, from J. Bonyngdon's palfrey and saddle	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
The escheator, to Buckland Denam, with horse hire for 2 days		1*s.*	4*d.*
The escheator, to Depford, hiring 2 horses for 3 days, to view the granary and the trespasses made by John Putte		4*s.*	0*d.*

1408–1409.

Wine for Mr. R. Harewell, &c., viewing defects of houses		1*s.*	8*d.*
The escheator had to repay at the audit 22*s.* 1*d.* for Wybert's obit, not distributed, 13*s.* 8*d.* overcharge in distribution in Easter term, 6*s.* 8*d.* from his fee, *quia modicum laboravit ;* altogether	2*l.*	2*s.*	1*d.*
Owing from the prebend of Buckland, vacant by the death of Th. Tyrry	10*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
from Wedmore V [? IV], vacant by the death of John Bonyngdon, to be distributed by the next escheator	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
by other debtors	109*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*

1414–1415.

ACCOUNTS of ROBERT BURGH, the COMMUNAR, from MICHAELMAS, 1414, to MICHAELMAS, 1415.

Arrears.—Paid to 17 canons resident .. .. 381*l.* 13*s.* 2¼*d.*

Receipts.

Farms of Lydeard, Cheddar, Congaresbury, Stokegommer, Modeford, the Barn and Whitchurch. and of St. Cuthbert's, as in 1407.

23*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* from Chewton church, *infra.*

Other pensions of churches, the same as in 1407.

The farmer of South Barow, because the house is in ruins, only	3*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Large house, formerly Mogg's, and shops adjoining	3*l.*	12*s.*	0*d.*
Rent of house at the corner of the street to Mountrey and street to Byestwall			4*d.*
Wood sold at Canons' Barn		11*s.*	6*d.*
Robert Coterell, reeve of North Cory .. .	54*l.*	7*s.*	11½*d.*
Thomas Notyer, reeve of Est Cory .. .	47*l.*	7*s.*	0*d.*
John Wilmot, reeve of West Hatch	25*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Lawrence Clarke, reeve of Knapp	15*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Walter Atyerde, reeve of Byknaller	9*l.*	17*s.*	0*d.*
John Gerveyse, reeve of Winscomb	80*l.*	17*s.*	7*d.*
Robert Bullysdon, bailiff of North Cory ..	16*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
Robert Warine, reeve of Burnham	9*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Fees of the seal :			
vacancy of Henstridge vicarage		5*s.*	0*d.*
chapel of Spekelyng		2*s.*	4*d.*
vacancy of the rectory of Burnet ..			10½*d.*
confirming lands at Merkham	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
vacancy of the rectory of St. John at Zelthoft		3*s.*	4*d.*
perquisites of the chapter of Wynsham and Cumbe, spent in journey and horse hire			
Total receipts	167*l.*	0*s.*	11*d.*

1414–1415.

Expenses.

Commons of the bishop and other canons ..	175*l.*	16*s.*	8*d.*
In procession	5*l.*	5*s.*	4*d.*
Commons of the vicars	56*l.*	15*s.*	10*d.*
Fetching holy oil from Sherborne		2*s.*	5*d.*

Foreign expenses.

To the Papal nuncio, his 18th year		7*s.*	0*d.*
To Thomas Barton, chapter official at Cory, for half a year		10*s.*	0*d.*
To master of St. John of Bridgewater, collector of the subsidy of 2*d.* in £, taxer of benefices and temporals	3*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To the abbat of Clyve, one tenth to king at the Purification	35*l.*	18*s.*	7½*d.*
To Ralph Canon, the like	1*l.*	9*s.*	4*d.*
To the same, for Whitchurch, subsidy and expenses of proctor of clergy in convocation		3*s.*	6½*d.*
To the prior of Dunster, for tenth		10*s.*	0*d.*
To Thomas Frome, for the house of the master of the schools, taken from his house		6*s.*	8*d.*
To the escheator, for Bishop Ergum's exequies	1*l.*	1*s.*	0*d.*
To Peter Lovepit, annuelar, for Bishop Ergum's chantry	4*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
To the sheriff and under-sheriff	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
To Adam, keeper of the writs		6*s.*	8*d.*
To the clerk of green wax 3*s.* 4*d.*, and his servant 7*s.* 5*d.*		10*s.*	9*d.*
Breakfast for the sheriff and officials		7*s.*	1½*d.*
To Nicholas Motylbyry and Nicholas Barwe, the same day		5*s.*	4*d.*
Conferring with John Rodenale about the farm of Chewton		4*s.*	4*d.*
To William Radeford, chaplain, to continue his place there	10*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To the steward and Nicholas Barwe, for a court there		3*s.*	3½*d.*
To the chaplain of Eston Major, in part payment for Easter term		1*s.*	8*d.*
To the carpenter for 10 days' work, pulling down the timber of the chamber at Torgate and for rafters, windows &c. at 5½*d.* a day		4*s.*	7*d.*
To the tiler, 14 days, for the hall of the same chamber, at 5½*d.* a day		6*s.*	5*d.*
Laths, nails, sand, lime, Welsh-board		10*s.*	1½*d.*
Conferring with the prior of Shene at Witham, about Chewton		5*s.*	10*d.*

1414–1415.

Expenses of John Hody, about the same ..	3*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Expenses at London in arranging the chapter's loan of 100*l.* to king, and getting security	7*l.*	4*s.*	4*d.*
To the clerk for writing the indenture for the farm of Chewton			6*d.*
Fee to John Rowlond for the king's charter of pardon to the chapter	1*l.*	2*s.*	4*d.*
Holding a court at Pucklechurch, and collecting moneys		12*s.*	4*d.*
Total expenses	407*l.*	7*s.*	11*d.*
To William Bryt, the chapter's proctor before the subconservator and in consistory	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Owing by the communar, after expenses of audit	152*l.*	17*s.*	7*d.*
by the reeve of Cory	140*l.*	3*s.*	4*d.*
by the reeve of Est Cory	35*l.*	16*s.*	5¼*d.*
by the reeve of Knapp	4*l.*	18*s.*	6*d.*
by the reeve of West Hatch	6*l.*	19*s.*	0¼*d.*
by the reeve of Burnham	26*l.*	4*s.*	7*d.*
by the reeve of Wynscomb	8*l.*	9*s.*	4¾*d.*
by the bailiff of North Cory		4*s.*	4*d.*
by the parsonage of Chewton	23*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
by William Radeford, chaplain	10*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
by the archdeacon of Taunton, for the vacancy of Craucombe church	10*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
by the bailiff of Pucklechurch, fines and perquisites of court	1*l.*	8*s.*	2*d.*
by the same, for rents of David Cook ..		6*s.*	8*d.*
To 14 canons, each 30*l.* 1*s.* 0½*d.*; total ..	420*l.*	14*s.*	8¼*d.*

Canons: R. Brewton, T. Madynley, J. Orum, J. Roland, J. Knyght, W. Langebrok, Roger Harewell, W. Calf, T. Frome, Richard Harewell, Ralph Canon, Richard Penifader, W. Excestre, Roger Wodehull.

Paid to Mr. R. Bruton *que respectantur super H. Beaufort Epm. Winton pro obligacione* ..	100*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Bydesham. Richard Russell, the reeve, arrears	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
The same, newly issuing	15*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

For a "tachen" of iron, 3 feet long, for a gradual on the dean's side			6*d.*
To the escheator, last payment for the obit of T. Bynghan	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Henceforth the sacristan to have 20*d.* for oil.			
Re-hanging 5 bells and Little Harewell ..	7*l.*	8*s.*	6*d.*

1414–1415.

Sawing wood and making 3 ladders		12*s.*	10*d.*
Regylborde and 5 pieces of weynyscote for oak wheels &c.		9*s.*	9*d.*
4 clappers and iron work, weighing 130*lbs.* ..	4*l.*	8*s.*	4*d.*
Carrying clappers to Sherborne and back ..		11*s.*	0*d.*
6 baldrics		12*s.*	8*d.*
Mending scherbynd, paletts, bolts and nails and exchange of old iron		7*s.*	6*d.*
Mending ladders in old bell-tower		2*s.*	10*d.*
Oaken flail for bells		1*s.*	9*d.*
Meat and drink during the bell-hanging ..		5*s.*	10*d.*
In fusione pro bras', 167*lbs.*	1*l.*	7*s.*	10*d.*
Melting 26*lbs.* of brass and 23*lbs.* of tin ..		9*s.*	1*d.*
627*lbs.* of iron for gudgeons, bolts, scherbynds, tappings, nails	5*l.*	4*s.*	2*d.*
Elm and ash and making wheel to lift bells ..		7*s.*	5*d.*
Mending and binding 2 antiphoners on the dean's side and 2 graduals		3*s.*	8½*d.*
Thread, needles and oil for cristinator and small nails			7½*d.*
To the escheator for the obit of Mr. Robert Rugg, 4th year	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
The steward going to Canterbury to treat with the executors of Archbishop Arundell for divers vestments	1*l.*	5*s.*	0*d.*
Mending a lock for the common seal and mending Judas-bell			4*d.*
To John of Glawcestre, in part payment for the small organ		6*s.*	8*d.*
4 oaken cases [*capsulæ*] and wood for 4 books of Canon Law given by Richard Drayton		11*s.*	0*d.*
Nails and hinges for the same, 3*s.* 10*d.*; 2 sheep-skins [? ; *motilini*] for binding the same, 2*s.* 5½*d.*		6*s.*	3½*d.*
2 staves and 2 chains for a portifory and a psalter in the choir, 3 feet long, given by the same		3*s.*	9*d.*
Melting 3 gunnys [? flagons], 42*lbs.*		7*s.*	0*d.*
14*lbs.* of brass for the same		2*s.*	4*d.*
Lectern to hold the book of Canon Law on the north side of choir		2*s.*	5*d.*
Iron and nails to hold the same book ..		2*s.*	0*d.*
Iron to bind the said *gunnæ*		1*s.*	4½*d.*
Tin vessel for St. John's altar in exchange for old			10*d.*
Mending the basin called Jurnel in the midst of the choir, and for *auricalcum* ..		2*s.*	0*d.*
2 cords for the basin called Jurnel			4*d.*
Making a bier for the Lord's body, and thread and nails			10*d.*

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To the sacrist for keeping the chimes [? ; *chymbur'*]		3*s.*	4*d.*
Berlych. Going to Lympsham and Berwes to appoint farmers of the rectory of Berwes			11*d.*
Washerwoman, for mending and washing vestments			6½*d.*

1416–1417.

Accounts of Robert Burgh, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1416, to Michaelmas, 1417.

Arrears.—Paid to 15 canons resident	356*l.*	10*s.*	7¾*d.*
Receipts.			
For the whole mansion at Torrgate	1*l.*	3*s.*	4*d.*
For freestone sold at the Barn and Torgate		14*s.*	0*d.*
Fine of John Ewan and Ralph Hwnte *pro transgressione capitali*		10*s.*	0*d.*
John Gardener, reeve of North Cory	96*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
John Attewode, reeve of Est Cory	76*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Nicholas Wilmote, reeve of West Hatch ..	21*l.*	17*s.*	2½*d.*
Laurence Clerk, reeve of Knapp	18*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
John Bensham, reeve of Wynscombe ..	84*l.*	4*s.*	0*d.*
Robert Qwarin, reeve of Burnham	43*l.*	2*s.*	4*d.*
Walter Attyerd, reeve of Bykenalre	10*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
John Westerby of Bristol, for sealing a letter for a neif	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Perquisites of the chapter of Wynesham and Combe		5*s.*	0*d.*
Necessary expenses.			
Rogations during the year, on St. Mark's day *nil*, being Sunday		5*s.*	0*d.*
Fetching oil from Sherborne		1*s.*	6*d.*
Carrying the rent of St. Dunstan			8*d.*
The chaplain celebrating for the soul of Stephen Hull	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Foreign expenses.			
The precentor of Glaston, from Wynescombe church		13*s.*	4*d.*
The abbat of Cirencester, collector of the king's tenth and half tenth	53*l.*	17*s.*	10½*d.*
Ralph Canon, for the half tenth for the farm of Whitchurch		14*s.*	8*d.*
The prior of Dunster, for half tenth		5*s.*	0*d.*
4 gallons of wine, sent to Walter Hungerford		2*s.*	8*d.*
3 gallons of wine sent to the canons and others in the church porch when Walter Hungerford was admitted confrater ..		2*s.*	0*d.*

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Mr. Th. Harewell, advocate, and John Kene, the chapter proctor in consistory, and to the clerk for writings		1*s.*	10*d.*
Mr. John Hody, sent to the lord of Dunster		15*s.*	10*d.*
The prior of Worcester, for the indemnity of Pucklechurch church		3*s.*	4*d.*
Expenses of Richard Brewton and John Rowland at Okampton	2*l.*	2*s.*	11½*d.*
Ralph Canon, for his expenses of convocation in London			10*d.*
At the installation of Mr. John Sturtwayte ..			8*d.*
The master of the commonalty of Wells, for paving the King's way before two shops and carrying stone from Canons' barn ..		7*s.*	1*d.*
Getting letters at Exeter against William Radeford		11*s.*	3*d.*
Lead, tiles, laths &c. for the shop at Jacobswell		9*s.*	11*d.*
Richard Bruton's expenses in London on chapter business	1*l.*	10*s.*	1*d.*
Holding a court at Pucklechurch, treating with Gilbert Denys at Sixton and Olvyston and with Abbatiston parish	1*l.*	1*s.*	5½*d.*
At Bristol, getting the pension from the master of St. Mark's		2*s.*	8*d.*
Sir Gilbert Denys 2*l.*, and his bailiff 3*s.* 4*d.*, and his entertainment for horses and men at Simon Bayly's 11*s.* 8*d.*	2*l.*	15*s.*	0*d.*
Two horses at Wells and holding a court at Chewton		1*s.*	4*d.*
Two horses at Wells and holding a court at Pucklechurch		1*s.*	11*d.*
Paving with freestone at the door of communar's cawete			8*d.*
Geoffrey the cursor, at London and Shene, treating with the prior about the first payment of the farm of Chewton		3*s.*	4*d.*
The archdeacon of Wells for procuration of the farm of Modeford		7*s.*	7½*d.*
Breakfast for the king's collector		3*s.*	4*d.*
Expenses of Mr. J. Orum's interview with jurors at T.		11*s.*	0*d.*
Total expenses	429*l.*	19*s.*	4*d.*
Owing by the communar	233*l.*	2*s.*	0½*d.*
by the reeve of Cory	58*l.*	12*s.*	10¼*d.*
by the reeve of Est Cory	41*l.*	1*s.*	0½*d.*
by the reeve of Knappe	6*l.*	18*s.*	6*d.*
by the reeve of West Hatch	2*l.*	17*s.*	9¼*d.*
by the reeve of Burnham	5*l.*	6*s.*	3*d.*

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by the reeve of Winscombe	11*l.*	5*s.*	10¾*d.*
by the reeve of Bykenalre		13*s.*	4*d.*
by the parsonage of Chewton, one year's pension	23*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
by the bailiff of the hundred of North Cory		2*s.*	8½*d.*
by the bailiff of Pucklechurch, rent and perquisites of court	1*l.*	7*s.*	5*d.*
by the archdeacon of Taunton, for the vacancy of Chedzey Church	5*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To 16 canons resident, each	24*l.*	7*s.*	1½*d.*

Names of the canons: Richard Brwton, Thomas Madingley, John Orum, John Roland, John Knight, Reynold Bryta, John Hody, William Langbrook, Roger Harewell, William Calf, Thomas Frome, Richard Harewell, Ralph Canon, William Excestre, Richard Penifader, Roger Wodehulle.

Bydesham. Arrears	4*l.*	7*s.*	5½*d.*
Receipts	13*l.*	16*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

Mending 2 thuribles and for 2¼*oz.* of silver ..		4*s.*	6*d.*
Augmenting and mending 2 antiphoners, 2 chains and 2 graduals in the choir		2*s.*	6*d.*
Mending and binding 1 antiphoner before the precentor and succentor, and for 1 small book of the Litany, and for cords above the high altar		2*s.*	6*d.*
Mr. Robert Rugg's obit, 6th year	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Cords for 2 basins before the high altar, and for girdles			4*d.*
Making a cope of white cloth of damask, with golden stars on the orphreys &c. ..	4*l.*	5*s.*	0*d.*
Paid to John of Gloucestre, the maker of the organ		13*s.*	4*d.*
To Walter Bagele, vicar, for keeping and playing the organ		10*s.*	0*d.*
For 4 ' coniclis ' with card for the tabellar ..	1*l.*	5*s.*	0*d.*

1417–1418.

Accounts of Robert Burgh, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1417, to Michaelmas, 1418.

Arrears.—Paid to 15 canons resident	389*l.*	0*s.*	6¼*d.*

Receipts (usual entries).

Of the farmer of South Barow	3*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Of Sir Gilbert Denys, for the farm of Pucklechurch	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
[Among pensions.] From the church of Crych		6*s.*	8*d.*

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[Among rents.] Of John Withy's houses ..		3*s.*	4*d.*
Of the vicar of Chewton and Geoffrey Wynde, for costs of the king's court		5*s.*	0*d.*

Necessary expenses.

Commons of the bishop and canons	125*l.*	5*s.*	2*d.*
In processions	4*l.*	2*s.*	4*d.*
Commons of the vicars	51*l.*	7*s.*	2*d.*
Fetching oil at Montacute		2*s.*	7½*d.*

Foreign expenses.

Papal nuncio		7*s.*	0*d.*
To the boys for clothing [*pro vestura*]	3*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
John Gaskyn, the chapter attorney; his fee [Marginal note:] *Cave de feodo attornati.*	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Getting writs against certain persons	2*l.*	1*s.*	8*d.*
The prior of Bath for one tenth	35*l.*	18*s.*	7½*d.*
The tenth for Whitchurch and Dunster ..	1*l.*	19*s.*	4*d.*
Pucklechurch pension, to the sacrist of Glaston (due from the vicar, but he is too poor), minus 2 tenths	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Installing Mr. Humfrey Rodenal, Mr. John Codeford, Mr. Thomas Stevens, archdeacon of Taunton, and Mr. John Reynolds		3*s.*	4*d.*
William Clerk for writing 2 indentures about Cory Bridge			8*d.*
Sheriff's expenses, and gift to him and his servants	2*l.*	0*s.*	7*d.*
Roofing the hall, gatechamber, latrines &c. at Torgate		13*s.*	9*d.*
For a Papal bull confirming the privileges of the liberty	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Writing divers muniments in the Treasury ..			5*d.*
Writ against the vicar of Chewton, and 2 other judicial writs		3*s.*	4*d.*
The vicar of Pucklechurch, for building the chancel of Abbatyston		13*s.*	4*d.*
Carrying stones from Canons' barn, labourers and masons, paving the king's way before certain shops		12*s.*	0*d.*
Expenses at Pucklechurch, with horse hire, about tithes in Pucklechurch, Abbatiston and Westleigh, and arranging with Gilbert Denys	1*l.*	8*s.*	1*d.*
Writ of outlawry against Hugh Bayly of Radstock		1*s.*	0*d.*
The farmer of South Barow, for repair of chancel there		3*s.*	5*d.*
Mr. Henry Abyndon for his labour in the General Council [Constance]	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

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Nicholas Taunton, for writing and registering muniments		3*s.*	4*d.*
Owing by the communar	255*l.*	16*s.*	9½*d.*
by the reeves and bailiffs	154*l.*	3*s.*	1½*d.*
To 11 canons resident, each	37*l.*	5*s.*	5*d.*

Names of the canons: Thomas Frome, John Orum, John Roland, John Knygth, Reynold Brytha, Roger Harewell, William Calf, Richard Harewell, Ralph Canon, William Excestre, Richard Penifader.

Expenses.

Bydesham. Mending 2 large thuribles, and silver for them		4*s.*	1*d.*
Mending the antiphoner hanging at the Treasury door		2*s.*	6*d.*
Binding the antiphoner on the precentor's side			6*d.*
A pair of hinges for a small chest for the muniments			4*d.*
One dozen of parchment for copying muniments in the Treasury		2*s.*	0*d.*
2½ yards of silk of divers colours to make a *sudarium* for the Lord's body on the feast of Corpus Christi		4*s.*	2*d.*
1 pipe of gold for the same, 2*s.* 2*d.*; sewing it for the bier, 3*s.* 4*d.*..		5*s.*	6*d.*
Mending the choristers' gradual, binding the *collectarium* and *legenda sanctorum*		6*s.*	8*d.*
Dyeing St. Saviour's robe for the Easter play, and 2 beards for palmers		1*s.*	4*d.*
John the organist of Gloucester, for the great organ, in exchange for the organ in St. Mary's chapel	1*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
3*lbs.* of wax and verdigris for 2 tables for the weekly titles of canons and vicars ..		2*s.*	0*d.*
Payment to the sacrist for keeping the chimes		3*s.*	4*d.*
Walter Vageler, for keeping and playing the organ		10*s.*	0*d.*
Berlych. Mending 3 albs and amices, and washing, and for 2 towels		1*s.*	3*d.*
For 12 little horns for the lantern in the nave, and a lock &c. for the great chest for bread of the poor		1*s.*	4*d.*

1417–1418.

Accounts of William Purs, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1417, to Michaelmas, 1418.

Receipts.

Oblation of bishop this year		10*s.*	0*d.*

1417–1418.

Obits, Lady Day term.—Christina Barbor, 5*s.*; John Manston, 26*s.* 8*d.*

Prebends: Combe IX, vacant by the death of Mr. Thomas Madynle .. .. .. 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Combe XIII, vacant by the death of John Scherford .. .. 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Combe IV, vacant by the death of John Welles* .. .. 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Expenses.

Distributed to 49 persons from the vacancy of Combe IX, 65*s.* 4*d.*; deceased's portion, 32*s.*; tenths, 10*s.* 8*d.* .. ..

to 49 persons from Combe XIII, 61*s.* 3*d.*; deceased's portion, 32*s.*; tenths, 10*s.* 8*d.*

to 46 persons from Combe IV, 61*s.* 4*d.*; deceased's portion, 32*s.*; tenths, 10*s.* 8*d.*

Obits, Easter Term.—John called Fortis and Christina Barbor at dirige among 40 persons .. .. 6*s.* 8*d.*

altarist, 2*d.*; chorister, 2*d.*; at mass among 46 persons, 5*s.* 9*d.*; altarist, 1½*d.*; choristers, 1½*d.*

St. John Baptist term.—After the procession on the eve of Assumption B.M. and Second Vespers next day. To the lord's clerks with Hungerford .. 6*d.*

Expenses of 2 journeys to Bristol, to confer with the master of St. John's Hospital on the obit of Henry Tesson .. .. .. 1*s.* 6*d.*

Journey to Ashull, to break the sequestration there .. .. 1*s.* 0*d.*

For repairs of houses, felling 2 elms 4*d.*, axing and sawing them .. .. 2*s.* 6*d.*

Supporting stable and bakehouse, durn [door-posts] and window .. .. 1*s.* 5*d.*

Mason and 3 men to make poynon [? gable] and side wall .. .. 12*s.* 0*d.*

Red earth, 1*s.* 6*d.*; 2½*qrs.* of lime, 1*s.* 3*d.*; nonschynks, 4½*d.*

200 reed for thatching, 1*s.* 6*d.*; thatcher, 5 days, 1*s.* 8*d.*; man to help, 4 days, 1*s.* 4*d.*

Man for a week to cleanse house and to make 2 gardens .. .. 2*s.* 0*d.*

Shop door of stone, 1*s.*; 2 wooden doors inside, 8*d.* .. ..

2 masons for 1 day to make the foot of the stair and the dung pit .. .. 10*d.*

* Scherford and Welles both died at Constance.

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2 carpenters for 3 days to make stair and entreclose and trap door		2*s.*	4*d.*
Plastering entreclose inside and out			10*d.*
Carriage of timber from St. Cuthbert's churchyard to the plomery		1*s.*	10*d.*
Received of Ashill prebend, vacant by the death of Mr. Richard Bruton besides tenth to the king, and 26*s.* 8*d.* for the stall	20*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
of Combe VIII, vacant by the death of Mr. Robert Appulton	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*

In store against next year, 80 oaken rafters, in the plomery.

1418–1419.

Accounts of Robert Burgh, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1418, to Michaelmas, 1419.

Arrears.—To 11 canons of last year	409*l.*	19*s.*	11*d.*
Receipts of the seal.			
Confirmation to Henry Clement and his wife of Henstridge		13*s.*	4*d.*
Vacancy of Yerlington church		19*s.*	5*d.*
Vacancy of Bledon church		4*s.*	0*d.*
Confirmation of a tenement at Bishop's Lydeard		13*s.*	4*d.*
Total, with arrears	546*l.*	2*s.*	6½*d.*
Necessary expenses.			
Commons of the bishop and canons	175*l.*	4*s.*	2*d.*
In processions	5*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Commons of the vicars	6*l.*	7*s.*	8*d.*
Wine for altars, at 8*d.* or 10*d.* a gallon ..	3*l.*	1*s.*	2*d.*
Fetching oil at Sarum		2*s.*	6*d.*
Foreign expenses.			
The Papal nuncio		7*s.*	0*d.*
The law officers	9*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
The abbat of Clyve, one tenth to the king ..	35*l.*	18*s.*	6½*d.*
Ralph Canon, for tenth for Whitchurch (side note, *cave de cetero*)	1*l.*	19*s.*	6*d.*
The same, for expenses in convocation		1*s.*	6*d.*
The prior of Dunster, for tenth		10*s.*	0*d.*
Expenses of chapter business at Bridgwater and Stogursy		13*s.*	8*d.*
Expenses of Thomas Frome to London, against the vicar of Congarsbury	2*l.*	3*s.*	8*d.*
The archbishop's messenger bringing a letter		6*s.*	8*d.*
Installing Mr. Thomas Bubwyth, John Osberne and John Stone. [Thomas Schelfford, *cancelled* "because he was not installed by the chapter, nor were commons			

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assigned to him by said chapter"; 4*s.*, *cancelled.*]		2*s.*	8*d.*
The squire of the lord of Poyning, with expenses at Stogursy and Carington		14*s.*	2*d.*
Expenses in London, buying half the manor of Bykenalre	3*l.*	1*s.*	2*d.*
The vicar of Pocklechurch, for expenses about the chancel of Abbatiston		13*s.*	4*d.*
Expenses at Banwell, conferring with the bishop		13*s.*	4*d.*
Tileing Reynold Bryt's house		14*s.*	8½*d.*
Citation to the prior of Longlete, twice ..		1*s.*	5*d.*
Expenses at Bridgwater, before the Justiciars for the statute of Holond		6*s.*	4½*d.*
Total expenses	391*l.*	15*s.*	3½*d.*
Owing by the communar	146*l.*	8*s.*	0½*d.*
by the reeve of Cory	91*l.*	3*s.*	0*d.*
by the reeve of Est Cory	55*l.*	3*s.*	6½*d.*
by the reeve of Knapp	9*l.*	13*s.*	8*d.*
by the reeve of Westhatch	6*l.*	7*s.*	8½*d.*
by the reeve of Burnham	33*l.*	14*s.*	11½*d.*
by the reeve of Wynscombe	9*l.*	2*s.*	2½*d.*
by the reeve of Bykenalre	1*l.*	5*s.*	10*d.*
by the parsonage of Chewton	23*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
by the bailiff of the hundred of Cory ..	1*l.*	3*s.*	9*d.*
by the farmer of the parsonage of Pucklechurch	13*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
by the reeve of the same	2*l.*	13*s.*	2*d.*
by the vicar of Kingsbury, for the vacancy of the church	2*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
for the vacancy of divers churches ..	13*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
To 15 canons residentiary, each	27*l.*	6*s.*	4½*d.*

Names of the canons: Thomas Frome, John Bath, John Orum, John Knyght, Reynold Brythe, John Hody, Roger Harewell, John Stortewayte, Richard Harewell, John Roland, William Langbrok, Ralph Canon, William Excestre, Richard Penifader, Henry Abyngdon.

Expenses.

BYDESHAM. Mending 2 large thuribles thrice and silvering them		9*s.*	0*d.*
5 cords for the Lenten veil and basins hanging in the choir and for drawing back the great *tabula* above the high altar, and 1 small chain for the said basins ..		1*s.*	6*d.*
3 phials, in exchange for old, for the altar of St. Stephen and St. John		1*s.*	4*d.*
6*yds.* of half-say for choir tunicles		10*s.*	0*d.*

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16*yds.* of half-say, gilt, and 2½*yds.* of fringe for the high altar	1*l.*	13*s.*	9½*d.*
For making and for buckram		2*s.*	0*d.*
Binding 2 books of Civil Law in the Treasury, and 1 gradual on the precentor's side ..		1*s.*	10*d.*
1½*yds.* of cloth called tartarin		4*s.*	0*d.*
1 large piece of blue buckram, for 3 mantles for the Maries at Easter		8*s.*	6*d.*
5*oz.* of silk fringe		5*s.*	2*d.*
6*yds.* of green card for the lining of 2 boys' tunicles		2*s.*	0*d.*
To the sacrist for keeping the chimes ..		3*s.*	4*d.*
To Walter Vageler		3*s.*	4*d.*

1421–1422.

ACCOUNTS of ROBERT BURGH, the COMMUNAR, from MICHAELMAS, 1421, to MICHAELMAS, 1422.

To 15 canons, residing last year	283*l.*	15*s.*	1¾*d.* and ½*d.*

Receipts.

Perquisites of the chapters of Wynsham and Combe		10*s.*	0*d.*
Vacancy of Crokehorne church		10*s.*	0*d.*
Vacancy of Chiltorne church		1*s.*	10*d.*

Necessary expenses.

Commons of the bishop and canons	203*l.*	16*s.*	2*d.*
Parchment and paper for little rolls		1*s.*	6*d.*

Foreign expenses.

John Beef, steward of the chapter, one year's fee	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
William Gaskyn senior, one year's fee ..	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
William Gaskyn junior, attorney, one year's fee		6*s.*	8*d.*
John Bromeleigh, clerk of Cory, one year's fee	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
William Brytt, official of the dean and chapter	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To the prior of Montacute, the king's half tenth at Martinmas	17*l.*	19*s.*	3½*d.*
The abbat of Sherborne, half tenth for Whitchurch		14*s.*	10*d.*
The prior of Dunster, the like		5*s.*	0*d.*
The bishop's servants on Innocents' Day ..	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
The abbat for the sacrist of Glaston, for rector of Pokilchurch, 21st year	2*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
Expenses at Bristol, to consult with Gilbert Denys		10*s.*	0*d.*

1421–1422.

Fee to William Powlet, William Gaskyn and John Beef, coming to Wells at the request of the chapter	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Their breakfast at the steward's		6*s.*	3*d.*
Expenses of their servants and horses at Simon Bayly's		7*s.*	3*d.*
Wine for canons and counsel		2*s.*	3½*d.*
Distraining Robert Yevelton and taking his beasts		13*s.*	4*d.*
Wine for Canons Palton and Rodney in the Treasury			8½*d.*
Expenses of W. Gaskyn and John Hatton, for the court of the prior of Sheen		1*s.*	9*d.*
Expenses of the lawyer		5*s.*	4*d.*
Executing a writ of *fieri facias* against Robert Yevelton	1*l.*	3*s.*	10*d.*
W. Powlet and J. Beef, second interview with Richard Cheddre and R. Yevelton ..		6*s.*	8*d.*
Fee to John Roke, by order of the chapter ..	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Expenses of 3 canons at Bridgwater, to meet Richard Cheddre about *porcheria* (? pigstye)	2*l.*	5*s.*	6*d.*
Mr. R. Penyford and John Cole, visiting all the farms	3*l.*	0*s.*	2*d.*
More expenses of Powlet and Beef		17*s.*	0*d.*
J. Gaskyn, for executing a writ of *venire facias* against Robert Yevelton		10*s.*	0*d.*
John Stourton, for executing a writ of *levari facias* against the same	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Expenses of Mr. John Stafford's servants and horses at Simon Bayly's	1*l.*	0*s.*	2½*d.*
Expenses of canons in London, for breakfast with John Stafford, who treated with the prior of Sheen about Chewton		18*s.*	0*d.*
Fetching the pension for 2 years from the prior of Langlete			7*d.*
Breakfast for W. Powlet and John Beef and their servants at the steward's house, on the Saturday after Michaelmas		4*s.*	7*d.*
The chapter clerk, for a certificate about the assembly of all the canons			8*d.*
Treating with the wife of Gilbert Denys and his executors for payment of 20 marks ..		3*s.*	6*d.*
Expenses of the auditors at the account of the reeves	5*l.*	10*s.*	2*d.*
The like at the account of the communar ..		17*s.*	0½*d.*
Mr. Stephen Morepath, part payment of 10*l.*	5*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
David Coke owes for the cost of digging Truttesmore this year		6*s.*	8*d.*
To 16 canons resident this year, 18*l.* 18*s.* 8½*d.* each	302*l.*	19*s.*	3¾*d.*

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Bydesham. Paid Thomas Lockyer for a chair of iron for the ruler of choir		6*s.*	6*d.*
Fittings of leather and cords for the same..		1*s.*	4*d.*
Ironwork, hinges and nails for 2 chawets in the choir and behind the high altar ..		2*s.*	6*d.*
Mending choir books and binding, and mending chawet in Treasury		1*s.*	10*d.*
Making an iron rod for the Lenten veil ..			10*d.*
Lock and key for the chawet behind the high altar for keeping graduals in			6*d.*
Key for the chawet at St. Stephen's altar and for one dark-lantern [*absconsum*] ..			11*d.*
Paid Mr. John Orum for 2 candlesticks of latten [*aurichalcum*] in the lady chapel behind the high altar		13*s.*	4*d.*
Key for the chawet of the clerk of B.V.M. and mending chawet at the altar of St. John			11*d.*
For 3 cords for 3 basins before the high altar, 1 cord for the picture behind the great altar, and 1 cord for a basin in the choir, and 1 cord for the Lenten veil before the Cross in the nave		3*s.*	3*d.*
24 ells of linen cloth for 3 albs and 3 amices and 2 towels for the altar of St. John and St. Stephen		12*s.*	0*d.*
2 albs for the tabellar and 3 amices		5*s.*	0*d.*
Vellum for 1 gradual		13*s.*	4*d.*
The sacrist for care of the chimes		[blank.]	
William Beleyeter of Cirencester, for a small bell in exchange for an old bell, in full payment of 10 marks	3*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Mending 4 wheels for cords that run inside before the high altar			8*d.*
Barlych. Decrement of gold (7*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.*), weighing less than last year			11*d.*
Allowed to the communar for loss in weight of gold and for coinage		14*s.*	3*d.*

1423–1424.

Accounts of William Hooper, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1423, to Michaelmas, 1424.

Receipts.

Oblation of the bishop		1*s.*	8*d.*
of the dead		6*s.*	8½*d.*
of Dean Stafford		3*s.*	4*d.*
Palfrey and saddle of Mr. Thomas Frome ..		40*s.*	0*d.*
Obit, Lady Day term.—John Manston ..		26*s.*	8*d.*
Prebends.—Wedmore I, vacant by the death of Mr. Walter Medeford	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Wedmore II, vacant by the death of John Elys	5*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

1423–1424.

Wight Lakyngton, vacant by the death of Mr. Simon de Gamstede	13*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Combe V, vacant by the death of Mr. Thomas Frome	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Defect of rent.—Houses of Gabriel 5*s.*, reduced from 21*s.* to 16*s.*, being totally ruinous, during life of William More, his wife and 2 sons, on repairing lease			
houses of Nich. Taillour in Tor-lane on repairing lease, 2*s.* instead of 12*s.*, for life of Robert Burgh, vicar ..			
houses of Ralph Canon, 20*s.*, on repairing lease for 10 years, to Mr. John Cole for no rent			

Expenses.

Paid to 51 persons from Wedmore I prebend	26*l.*	9*s.*	1½*d.*
portion of deceased	13*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Thomas, servant of Mr. John Hody, for receipt of the prior of Shene		2*s.*	6*d.*
52 persons from Wedmore II prebend		52*s.*	0*d.*
portion of deceased	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
and to the vicar serving the stall	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
43 persons from the palfrey and saddle of Mr. Thomas Frome	1*l.*	19*s.*	5*d.*
Expenses of Mr. John Cole and John Smith riding to Depford, Wilts, to arrange a dispute between a gentleman and our tenant, John Kent		5*s.*	6*d.*
Expenses of riding to Wyght Lakyngton, to get the obligation from Sir Thomas Beauchamp, knt., about the vacancy of the prebend there		4*s.*	4*d.*

1424–1425.

Accounts of John Knocston, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1424, to Michaelmas, 1425.

Receipts.

Bishop's oblation		6*s.*	8*d.*
of the dead		24*s.*	8*d.*
of late Dean Stafford			20*d.*
Bishop of Winton		6*s.*	8*d.*
Bishop Thomas Polton		3*s.*	4*d.*
Umfry, Duke of Gloucester		6*s.*	8*d.*
The palfrey and saddle of the late Bishop Bubwith	4*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
The palfrey and saddle of John Knight ..	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Prebends.—White Lackington, vacant by the death of Simon de Gamstede ..	13*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*

1424–1425.

Combe V, vacant by the death of Mr. Thomas Frome	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Sutton, vacant by the death of John Brygge, abbat of Athelney	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Boclond, vacant by the death of John Knyght	9*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*

The two last by special composition.

Payments.

To 47 persons from the vacancy of White Lackington prebend	7*l.*	2*s.*	11½*d.*
deceased's portion	3*l.*	11*s.*	6½*d.*
vicar serving the stall	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
vicar of White Lackington for pension ..	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
To 47 persons from the vacancy of Combe V.	3*l.*	6*s.*	7*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	13*s.*	9¼*d.*
vicar of the stall	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
half-tenth to king		5*s.*	4*d.*
To 54 persons from the vacancy of Long Sutton	2*l.*	11*s.*	9*d.*
To 46 persons from the palfrey and saddle of Bishop Bubwith	3*l.*	18*s.*	7*d.*
to the palfrey keeper		2*s.*	0*d.*
expenses of the palfrey in hay, oats, &c. for 23 days		11*s.*	9*d.*
To 50 persons from John Knyght's palfrey and saddle	1*l.*	19*s.*	7*d.*
By shortness of weight of Mr. Thomas Polton's offering		1*s.*	2*d.*

1428–1429.

ACCOUNTS of NICHOLAS TAUNTON, the COMMUNAR, from MICHAELMAS, 1428, to MICHAELMAS, 1429.

Receipts.

Received of John Bromeleigh, bailiff of the parsonage of Bokeland church in Dorset ..	21*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Pensions from churches.—North Cadbury ..		6*s.*	8*d.*
Yevell	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Fees of the seal.—Confirming indentures between the archdeacon of Wells and John Gabyon of Southbrant	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
confirming the manumission of Thomas Cobbe of Chew manor	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
confirming the charter of Richard Foster of Publow, of a messuage in Pokilchurch	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
confirming indentures of Richard Halle of Wells	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
sealing the presentation to the vicarage of Pokilchurch	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*

1428–1429.

confirming the manumission of John Harding of Burnham	13*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

Paid for petty commons of the bishop and canons	198*l.*	1*s.*	0*d.*
Wages of 3 chaplains for the soul of Bishop N. Bubbewyth	16*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
his obit in the choir	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
bread for the same for the year		1*s.*	6*d.*
9*lbs.* wax		6*s.*	0*d.*
At the installation of Mr. Peter Stucle ..			8*d.*
Expenses of the steward at Cheddre, thrice, superintending the state of the parsonage and arranging for farmers		7*s.*	6*d.*
To the vicar of Burnham, coming often to Wells, and bringing money for the manumission of John Hardyng		6*s.*	8*d.*
To N. Taunton, for expenses about the bread of the poor, more because of dearth of corn	5*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Expenses of auditors at account of reeves and bailiffs, the more because of the dearth and the absence of dignitaries who were wont to provide meat and drink ..	4*l.*	13*s.*	11½*d.*
Expenses of auditors of this account, the more because of the dearth this year.. ..	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Distributed to 16 canons residing, 28*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* each	459*l.*	16*s.*	10*d.*
Gift of John Orum for the fabric, in the communar's hands	6*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Fine of Dean Forest last year, in Mr. John Hody's hands	5*l.*	9*s.*	9*d.*

Bydesham. Mending a small silver cross and a silver thurible		2*s.*	11*d.*
Thread and buckram for vestments in the Treasury		1*s.*	3*d.*
Mending the clapper of St. Mary bell in tall bell-tower		2*s.*	7*d.*
Mending 6 staves for the rulers in the choir and for painting them		2*s.*	11*d.*
Binding a small portifory in the choir		2*s.*	6*d.*
For 3 white copes sown with gold thread, orphreyed with small roses, with images of tabernacles, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, in full payment of 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*			
To the sacrist for keeping the chimes ..		3*s.*	4*d.*
To John Marshall for the organ		6*s.*	8*d.*
Expenses of the bread of the poor, more because of dearth	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

1428–1429.

To John Marshall for playing and keeping the organ		3*s.*	4*d.*
Berlych. From N. Bath's house in Sadler St., for the soul of Ralph Lullington, more by 6*s.* this year and next, as found in the old rolls		16*s.*	0*d.*
For the bread of the poor because of the dearth, besides payment	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

1430–1431.

Accounts of Thomas Chelyngton, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1430, to Michaelmas, 1431.

Distributed to 15 canons resident last year..	382*l.*	1*s.*	6*d.*

Receipts.

Received from the bailiff of the parsonage of Bokeland church, Dorset	15*l.*	16*s.*	8*d.*
Pension from Nether Cadbury		6*s.*	8*d.*
Fees of the seal, for presentation of the vicar of Pokelchurch	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
John Lowe, fine for having Poklechurch for life	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

Paid small commons of the bishop and canons	187*l.*	12*s.*	6*d.*
For fetching holy oil from Bath		2*s.*	4*d.*
To 4 chaplains celebrating for the soul of Bishop Bubwyth	21*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
His obit in the choir	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Other expenses		8*s.*	0*d.*
To the principal of the College of Annuelars on the Mountre there, sitting at table for the said 4 chaplains, by ordinance of the executors of Bishop Bubwyth	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
To the said principal in compensation of rent paid by the annuelars to the escheator, by the same ordinance	1*l.*	6*s.*	0*d.*
Fee to the sheriff	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
the under sheriff and his 2 clerks ..		10*s.*	0*d.*
Sheriff's lodging			4*d.*
For installing Mr. John Barnard			8*d.*
Mr. Lewis Rode			8*d.*
Expenses of the annuelar viewing grain at Pokilchurch not stored [? ; *inorriata*] ..		2*s.*	5*d.*
Wine for blessing the altars when the church was reconciled			8*d.*
To the prior of Taunton, for the king's half-tenth, on May 1	17*l.*	19*s.*	0*d.*

1430–1431.

The king's tenth for Dunster		5*s.*	0*d.*
for Whitchurch, Dorset		14*s.*	10*d.*
The steward's expenses viewing the dwellings and crops of the rectories of Lovington, South Barow, Modeford, Burnham and Cheddre		5*s.*	10*d.*
Repair of the barn of Pokilchurch	3*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
The steward and others reforming the dean and chapter's wrongs at Modeford	3*l.*	19*s.*	3*d.*
Sequestration of Chewton crops		2*s.*	7*d.*
Auditors' expenses at the account of the reeves and bailiffs	6*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
To the prior of St. John of Wells, sub-conservator of the privileges of the chapter ..		6*s.*	8*d.*
Portion of each of 15 canons resident	26*l.*	13*s.*	5¼*d.*

Bydesham. Exchange of 2 vials at the altar of St. Stephen			4*d.*
Mending 2 candle-sticks and cost of 5½*oz.* of silver	1*l.*	11*s.*	0*d.*
Mending 2 thuribles		1*s.*	8*d.*
Mending a silver cross and a large chalice of gold		2*s.*	4*d.*
Tarteryn and thread		3*s.*	4*d.*
Mending portifory on the precentor's side ..		1*s.*	0*d.*
Mending a bucket for holy water			2*d.*
The sacrist, for keeping the chimes		6*s.*	8*d.*
To John Marshall, for keeping and playing the organ		6*s.*	8*d.*
Mending the great bell, "Harewell"		6*s.*	8*d.*
assistant carpenters		2*s.*	0*d.*
The clapper of the Mary bell in the great bell-tower		2*s.*	10*d.*
Messengers and auditors at Cory, to re-establish peace between the tenants, and at Ilchester for chapter business		13*s.*	4*d.*

1433–1434.

Accounts of John Pedewell, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1433, to Michaelmas, 1434.

Receipts.

For 1 toft and a curtilage in the eastern part of New St., not more because it is granted to William Banwell for building within 4 years under penalty of 4 marks. First year		1*s.*	0*d.*
Obit, Michaelmas term.—Nicholas Bubwith, bishop	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Prebends vacant: Combe XIII, by the death of John Codford	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*

1433–1434.

Wedmore III, by the death of Mr. John Cole	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Werminster *alias* Luxvile, by the death of Mr. John Urry	0*l.*	0*s*	0*d.*
Combe I, by the death of Reynold Brita	0*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
From 57 persons, for building houses in Tor lane	2*l.*	17*s.*	0*d.*
From the communar for the same, as paid by John Rewe	16*l.*	11*s.*	5*d.*

Expenses.

To 55 persons from the vacancy of Combe XIII	3*l.*	8*s.*	9*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	14*s.*	8*d.*
quarter-tenth to the king		2*s.*	8*d.*
To 53 persons from the vacancy of Wedmore III	2*l.*	10*s.*	9½*d.*
deceased's portion		26*s.*	0*d.*
quarter-tenth to the king		2*s.*	0*d.*
Obits, Michaelmas term.—Bishop Bubwith :			
at dirige, to 53 persons	1*l.*	2*s.*	1*d.*
the altarist			5*d.*
choristers			5*d.*
4 chaplains		1*s.*	8*d.*
at Mass, to 53 persons	1*l.*	2*s.*	1*d.*
altarist			5*d.*
choristers			5*d.*
4 chaplains		1*s.*	8*d.*
The sacrist, for tolling the bell at the exequies of Bishop Bubwith			8*d.*
Building anew H. de London's and Richard Button's houses in Tor lane	25*l.*	15*s.*	11*d.*
Balance due to the escheator	1*l.*	16*s.*	7½*d.*

1437–1438.

Accounts of Thomas Chelyngton, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1437, to Michaelmas, 1438.

Paid to 13 canons resident last year	396*l.*	9*s.* and ½*q.*	9¾*d.*
Received of Thomas Blakemore, vicar of Bokeland, from the fruits of the parsonage	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
New payment of St. Cuthbert's church for the use of the choristers and tabellars	20*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Of John Bybel of South Brent, for the common seal	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
For freestone for a door with dorune (durn) taken from Mr. Cole's garden road		13*s.*	4*d.*

Expenses.

Paid for commons of the bishop and canons	187*l.*	12*s.*	6*d.*

1437–1438.

The steward, having resided at Sarum and received cotidians for 39 days, does not receive them at Wells.			
Fetching holy oil from Exeter		7*s.*	2*d.*
To augment the vicarage of Modeford ..	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To the sacrist of Glaston, for the vicar of Pokelchurch, on account of the poverty of his benefice for the 37th year	2*l.*	7*s.*	6*d.*
To the prior of Taunton, for the king's half-tenth, on Lady Day	17*l.*	19*s.*	$3\frac{3}{4}$*d.*
half-tenth for Dunster		5*s.*	0*d.*
for Whitchurch		13*s.*	8*d.*
Installing Mr. John Stevens, Mr. Peter Stucle and Mr. Robert Parfyte, 8*d.* each		2*s.*	0*d.*
Demanding from the executors of Bishop Bwet,* with letter to the chancellor, said bishop's vestments		4*s.*	0*d.*
Expenses of agreement about the bounds of Okampton and Brympton Rufa	2*l.*	13*s.*	6*d.*
The prior of Dorehurst, collector of the king's half tenth for Pokelchurch	1*l.*	15*s.*	10*d.*
Messenger riding to York for Bishop Bwet's* vestments		16*s.*	4*d.*
To John Beffe, superintending the digging of ditches in North Cory meadow	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Law expenses, with horse hire, about Modeford	1*l.*	6*s.*	9*d.*
Repair of barns	5*l.*	0*s.*	9*d.*
Bydesham. 6 girdles for the Treasury ..			4*d.*
Thread and buckram to mend vestments		7*s.*	10*d.*
4 vials of pewter for the altars of St. John and St. Stephen			10*d.*
Mending the great dossal before the high altar		4*s.*	0*d.*
Mending the wheels of Harewell bells		1*s.*	10*d.*
Mending 4 veils before the high altar ..		2*s.*	8*d.*
Mending the vestments at St. Saviour's altar			9*d.*
Mending a thurible and for silver		1*s.*	6*d.*
3 cords for 3 basins hanging in the choir ..		1*s.*	10*d.*

1438–1439.

Accounts of William Gye, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1438, to Michaelmas, 1439.

Receipts.

Oblations of the dead		6*s.*	1*d.*
Palfrey and saddle of Mr. William Langbroke	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

* Probably Henry Bowet, Bishop of Bath and Wells 1401 to 1407; translated to York; died 1423.

1438–1439.

Obits, Christmas term.—Stephen Pempell, dean, and Ralph Tregreggowe, from Moneryslane, by indenture between the vicars and Hanop		13*s.*	4*d.*
St. John Baptist term.—Mr. John Orum, 4th year	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
The procession on the eve of St. Ann, for the soul of Agnes Rabas, paid by the keeper of the fabric out of 5*l.* received by him as rent of said Agnes sold to Stephen Mersteton by the feoffee, Walter Mone, and others		3*s.*	8*d.*
Prebends vacant: Wiveliscombe	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Combe XI, by the death of Mr. Henry Abyndon	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Luxvile *alias* Warminster	10*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Many houses ruinous, some let at reduced rent on building leases, some without tenants			

Expenses.

Distributed to 40 persons from the palfrey and saddle of Mr. William Langbroke ..	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To 51 persons from the vacancy of Wiveliscombe, by death of Mr. John Bath.. ..	24*l.*	17*s.*	3*d.*
portion of deceased	12*l.*	8*s.*	7½*d.*
tenth to the cathedral fabric	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
To 51 persons from the vacancy of Combe XI	2*l.*	19*s.*	6*d.*
portion of deceased	1*l.*	10*s.*	2½*d.*
tenth to the cathedral fabric		10*s.*	8*d.*
To the collectors of the half-tenth for the king		5*s.*	4*d.*
The prior of Bruton's receipt attached (seal of arms, a chevron between 3 chalices) for 5*s.* 4*d.*, and of the keeper of the fabric for 53*s.* 4*d.*, for repairs to bell-tower and other parts of the cathedral damaged by fire ..			
To 50 persons from the vacancy of Luxvile, by the death of Mr. Henry Penwortham	4*l.*	17*s.*	11*d.*
deceased's portion	2*l.*	9*s.*	5*d.*
to the fabric of the cathedral	1*l.*	4*s.*	0*d.*
to the lady owning churchyard there		1*s.*	0*d.*
to the vicar of the stall	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Exequies of Bishop Bubwith: to 50 persons at dirige		25*s.*	0*d.*
the altarist			6*d.*
the chorister			6*d.*
4 chaplains		2*s.*	0*d.*

1438–1439.

at mass, to 50 persons	1*l.*	0*s.*	10*d.*
altarist 5*d.*; chorister			5*d.*
4 chaplains		1*s.*	8*d.*
Procession on the eve of St. Ann for the soul of Agnes Rabas: to 42 persons		3*s.*	6*d.*
altarist 1*d.*; chorister			1*d.*
received from the keeper of the fabric			
Exequies of Mr. John Orum: to 42 persons		10*s.*	6*d.*
altarist 3*d.*; chorister			3*d.*
at mass, to 40 persons		8*s.*	4*d.*
altarist 2½*d.*; chorister			2½*d.*
Paid Oliver Russel, attorney of the chapter, for suit against John Garden and Henry Martin, troubled by the executor of Prebendary John Urry		4*s.*	0*d.*
Expenses to Dogmersfield, on the question between the chapter and the town, viz. on the arrest of vicars in the church		7*s.*	3*d.*
expenses of a servant			10*d.*
hire of horse for 5 days		1*s.*	8*d.*
Tolling the bell for Mr. John Orum			4*d.*
Expenses of vicar to London to consult the bishop, chancellor of England, about the arrest of the vicars during Divine service, with expenses of servant and 2 horses ..	1*l.*	9*s.*	10*d.*
To Henry Martyn for the half-tenth to the king from the prebend of Lutton		13*s.*	4*d.*

1439–1440.

Accounts of William Gye, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1439, to Michaelmas, 1440.

Receipts.

Oblations of the dead		6*s.*	8*d.*
From the palfrey and saddle of Henry Blakmor	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
From a silver piece with a cover, weighing 17¼*oz.*, the mortuary of Mr. Richard Thommes, chapter clerk	2*l.*	6*s.*	0*d.*
Prebends vacant: Wormyster, by the death of Mr. William Lambroke	8*l.*	3*s.*	0*d.*
Combe IX, by the death of Mr. Nicholas Burton	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Taunton, by the death of Thomas Astill	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Compton Episcopi, by the death of Mr. John Herly	30*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Compton Dunden, by the death of Henry Blackmor	17*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

Distributed to 38 persons from the palfrey and saddle of Henry Blakmor	1*l.*	19*s.*	7*d.*

1439–1440.

To 33 persons from the mortuary of Richard Thommes, chapter clerk	2*l.*	5*s.*	4½*d.*
To 48 persons from the prebend of Wormester deceased's portion	2*l.*	12*s.*	0*d.*
	1*l.*	6*s.*	2¾*d.*
Paid the bishop: a fine for 11 tenements vacant		5*s.*	6*d.*
close in the park of Westbury, as well for demesne lands as for the said 11 tenements		11*s.*	4¼*d.*
Pension of the Canons' Barn at Martinmas, 16½ bush. wheat *cum cumulis* [? in the sheaf, unthreshed], at 18*d.* the bushel	1*l.*	4*s.*	9*d.*
Cutting 24 loads of fuel		8*s.*	0*d.*
For a sheep belonging to the prebend tenants at the mowing of Syndermede		1*s.*	0*d.*
To the keeper of the cathedral fabric, for tenth to repairs of the tower		13*s.*	4*d.*
To the same, for tenth from Combe IX ..		10*s.*	8*d.*
Also half-tenth to the king's collector		5*s.*	4*d.*
To the fabric fund, tenth from Taunton prebend, to repairs of the tower		8*s.*	0*d.*
For the procession on the eve of Holy Cross for Roger Yevelton, no receipt, because no opportunity to distrain, although Henry Selwode, brasyeter, is in possession			
Paid Oliver Russell, the chapter's attorney, for the suit against J. Carden and H. Martyn, troubled by the executor of Mr. J. Urry, late prebendary of Luxvile.. ..		7*s.*	8*d.*
Paid John Kente, fine for the court of Heytesbury, for his not attending there every third week, as the lord of the court demands		5*s.*	0*d.*

1445–1446.

Accounts of John Pedwell, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1445, to Michaelmas, 1446.

Paid to 14 canons resident last year	363*l.*	12*s.*	6¾*d.*

Receipts.

Received from the vacancy of Fodyngton church, for 3 years last past		16*s.*	4*d.*
from the vacancy of Estlambrook chapel		18*s.*	11*d.*
Sale of tablestone		1*s.*	0*d.*
of crock of oil		1*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

Paid the commons of the bishop and canons	164*l.*	14*s.*	4*d.*

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Nothing to the bearers of St. Dunstan's rent, because 2 cases were broken.			
Paid Walter Hale, chaplain in the almshouse, for celebrating there	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
To the abbat of Glaston for the king's half-tenth at the Nativity of St. John Baptist	17*l.*	19*s.*	3¾*d.*
To the master of choristers, rent from Est Lambroke	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
For choristers for the eves of St. Edmund and St. Nicholas, for 13 canons resident, viz. for each dignitary 2*s.* 0*d.*; for each of the rest, 1*s.* 0*d.*		16*s.*	0*d.*
Wine given to William Stafford, January 11		8*s.*	0*d.*
Four towels made for the altar of St. Stephen and St. John		1*s.*	2*d.*
One yard of braban to make an amice for the Ergum mass			7*d.*
Present of birds for the cardinal, and expenses of the canons	2*l.*	6*s.*	10*d.*
Installing William Hoper, Mr. Andrew Halse, John Brodette, Walter Fold, John Conge and William Crowton, 8*d.* each; Dean Carent		1*s.*	4*d.*
Tunics for choristers and tabulars	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
J. Tregodek going to London about the replevin of cattle taken at Estlambrok, Dec. 12	1*l.*	1*s.*	11*d.*
Paid for replevying the beasts of William Fyle of Estlambroke, Jan. 4		2*s.*	0*d.*
Prosecuting John Rowe in the king's court		16*s.*	1*d.*
To the abbot of Sherborne, for the king's half-tenth from Whitchurch		14*s.*	8*d.*
For repair of houses and destruction of chapel at Torgate		9*s.*	0¾*d.*
To 13 canons resident this year, each 24*l.* 14*s.* 7½*d.*			

Bydesham. Making one *locanda* in the chapter house and wood therefor		4*s.*	2½*d.*
Cost of cord for the stone hanging at the veil of the temple			1*d.*
2 dozen priests' girdles			8*d.*
Binding and writing and mending the martirology		1*s.*	1*d.*
skin of vellum for same			5*d.*
Making a large frontal and another of blue camelet with *pannus seratus*		2*s.*	6*d.*
For 23 *buc de opynselk* of various colours ..		8*s.*	0*d.*
Mending and doubling a black pall of gold ..		3*s.*	0*d.*
2 dozen and 7 priests' girdles			9½*d.*

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2cords to raise the picture behind the high altar			2*d.*
Mending 3 chalons		1*s.*	0*d.*
do. vatiker in chapter house			8*d.*
$2\frac{1}{4}$ but of silk fringe		3*s.*	2*d.*
6 priests' girdles			2*d.*
piece of buckram			8*d.*
rushes for the exchequer			2*d.*
Mending sconce for the priest's light in the choir			6*d.*
Mending 2 thuribles		2*s.*	11*d.*

1445–1446.

Accounts of Lewis Bley, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1445, to Michaelmas, 1446.

Receipts.

Lady Day term.—Obit of William Codworth		5*s.*	0*d.*
Vacant prebends: Combe VI, by the death of William Bernham	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Harptre, by the death of William Spallyngton	9*l.*	3*s.*	5*d.*

Expenses.

Distributed to 41 persons, from the palfrey and saddle of John Forest	1*l.*	19*s.*	$3\frac{1}{2}$*d.*
To 50 persons, from Combe VI	3*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
portion of deceased	1*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
half-tenth to the king		5*s.*	4*d.*
subsidy granted to the pope			8*d.*
To 46 persons from Harptre prebend, vacant by the death of William Spallyngton ..	3*l.*	11*s.*	6*d.*
portion of deceased	1*l.*	15*s.*	$10\frac{1}{2}$*d.*
vicar of the stall	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
half-tenth to the king		8*s.*	0*d.*
subsidy to the pope this year		1*s.*	0*d.*
Expenses of proctors with summoning of clergy of the Archbishop of Canterbury ..			6*d.*
Rent to the bishop of 1*lb.* of cumin, not paid, because the gate in Tor lane is totally broken down			

1446–1447.

Accounts of John Pedwell, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1446, to Michaelmas, 1447.

Paid to 13 canons resident last year	321*l.*	10*s.*	$2\frac{1}{4}$*d.*

Receipts.

Received from the vacancy of Thorne Cotyn church		8*s.*	11*d.*

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From Freshford church		13*s.*	4*d.*
From Fodyngton church		6*s.*	8*d.*
From Chelvay church		13*s.*	4*d.*
From Congresbury church		6*s.*	0*d.*
Sealing manumission of Richard of homage of Wedmore		6*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

Paid commons of the bishop and canons ..	145*l.*	19*s.*	10*d.*
To the king for half-tenth, on Nativity of St. John Baptist (not yet called for by collector)	17*l.*	19*s.*	3¾*d.*
Paid Walter Parys, Jan. 14, for a *scire facias* against John Rowe		2*s.*	7*d.*
Expenses of a *certiorari* about Modeford business, for 3½ days		1*s.*	10*d.*
and horse hire		1*s.*	2*d.*
Agreement with the farmer at Whitchurch, the first week in Lent		8*s.*	6*d.*
Expenses of the sub-dean and a canon to Glaston, for rent of St. Dunstan		1*s.*	6*d.*
Getting holy oil at Dogmersfeld		3*s.*	4*d.*
Thomas Chewe's journey to the prior of Charterhouse, for 40*l.* due for Cardinal Beauford			9*d.*
Canons' journey to Banuell, for distraint at Estlambroke		3*s.*	8*d.*
For 3 yards of cloth for the coat of Thomas Martyn, stolen while keeping sheep, and for help to the mowers of Cory		3*s.*	0*d.*
Malmsey given to Alexander Hody, Nov. 29			2*d.*
A box for letters sent to the archbishop of Canterbury			1*d.*
Expenses at the trental of Cardinal Beauford at Winchester, hire of 6 horses and 2 servants, and writing 3 supplications ..		5*s.*	5*d.*
Repairing the lodging of the abbat of Muchelney			11½*d.*
Riding to Bokeland to survey the chancel there		3*s.*	4*d.*
The abbat of Tewkysbury owes for the pension of Nether Stowey	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Paid 12 canons resident last year, 34*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* each			

Bidesham. Binding a portifory on the 2nd form, an antiphonar and a psalter on the upper step		7*s.*	0*d.*
Binding a *collectarium*			8*d.*
"Ruban lacys" bought of a London woman who came to Wells, Monday after the Sunday *in Albis*		9*s.*	6*d.*

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4*oz.* of black silk of the same		4*s.*	4*d.*
14½*oz.* "ruban lacys," bought at Salisbury fair		18*s.*	1½*d.*
1*oz.* 3½ quarters		2*s.*	4*d.*
Mending silver candlesticks and 2 thuribles		2*s.*	2*d.*
1½ yards of "ruban lacys"			3*d.*
1 piece of buckram		8*s.*	0*d.*
1*oz.* of many coloured silk		1*s.*	4*d.*
1 quarter of many coloured thread ..			7*d.*
Cleaning 2 candlesticks, 2 thuribles, 2 text[?], 2 crosses and 1 holy water vessel		3*s.*	0*d.*
¼*lb.* "ruban lacys"		5*s.*	4*d.*
1¼*lb.* counters		1*s.*	7*d.*
Exchange of a tin pot for altar wine			4*d.*
½*yd.* braban			3*d.*

Jan. 24, 1667. This parchment roll was shewed unto Nicholas Dewthwaite Gent. at the city of Wells at the execution of a commission there yssued out of H.M. Court of Exchequer for the examination of witnesses in a cause there depending between the D. and C. of Wells complainants and Charles Thirlby Clerk defendant before us Jo. Harvey, Jno. Prickman.

1448–1449.

Accounts of John Pedwell, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1448, to Michaelmas, 1449.

Paid to 10 canons resident last year	356*l.*	16*s.* and ½*q.*	9¾*d.*

Receipts.

Received for 2 tenements in High St. of the new building	5*l.*	9*s.*	8*d.*
For sealing the manumission of Thomas Fowle of Wedmore		6*s.*	8*d.*
For sealing the appointment of a vicar to Stokegummer		6*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

Paid the commons of the bishop and canons	150*l.*	5*s.*	8*d.*
For 3 wagon load of stone, for 2 ropes* of wall of Westbury Park		1*s.*	6*d.*
To John Sawyer hired to make 2 ropes of wall, for 3 days		1*s.*	3*d.*
Expenses of a messenger to Burnham to Humfrey Courtenay, with the chapter's letter about the feast of St. Bartholomew		2*s.*	4*d.*
For 28½ ells of raw Flemish cloth, for making 1 tester, 1 sylo[?], 2 curtains and 1 cover for the court at Winscomb		15*s.*	5¼*d.*

* A rope is 20 feet.

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For 12 ells of raw Flemish, for towels, at 8*d.* the ell		8*s.*	0*d.*
Cost of new mattress and new bolster		7*s.*	8*d.*
2 ells of canvas for the said bed			
Expenses for over 3 days at Eton and London, to fetch Mr. Byconnill's bequest		10*s.*	8*d.*
Wooden coffer, wherein to place said jewels			6*d.*
Expenses at the Translation of St. Cuthbert		5*s.*	5*d.*
of Mr. John Shelford against the lord of Hungerford		1*s.*	5*d.*
Building a prison within the Canons' Barn in the Mountry	2*l.*	14*s.*	0*d.*
Paid to the king, being at Wells last year, in full payment of 40*l.* by consent of the chapter	20*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Paid to 11 canons resident this year, 34*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* each			
Mending 3 thuribles		1*s.*	4*d.*
and the organ			8*d.*
16¾*yds.* braban for 4 albs and 4 amices for the tabulars and choristers		7*s.*	8¼*d.*
12 priests' girdles			4*d.*
6 do.			4*d.*
2 pieces of buckram	1*l.*	3*s.*	0*d.*
A new staff for carrying the cross			6*d.*
Washing and hanging 4 *costerior* (curtains ?) of linen cloth before the high altar ..		1*s.*	0*d.*
24 yards of "thredyn frenge" for tunicles for the tabulars and choristers		1*s.*	8*d.*
— yards of do. for making the same ..		3*s.*	0*d.*
thread			9½*d.*
¾*oz.* silk		1*s.*	0*d.*
1*yd.* of red buckram			2*d.*
9 pieces of "ruban" silk, weighing 9¼*oz.* ..		10*s.*	9½*d.*
6 pieces of "thredyn ruban"		1*s.*	1*d.*
4*oz.* twist silk		4*s.*	8*d.*
1*lb.* thread of divers colours		1*s.*	6*d.*
New baldric for 3rd bell of new tower ..		1*s.*	4*d.*
1 piece of black "motle" velvet bought by the auditors	5*l.*	16*s.*	8*d.*
2*lbs.* of rush candles			2½*d.*

1449–1450.

ACCOUNTS of JOHN PEDWELL, the COMMUNAR, from MICHAELMAS, 1449, to MICHAELMAS, 1450.

Expenses.

Paid to 11 canons resident last year	378*l.*	13*s.*	10¼*d.*
Paid for commons of the bishop and canons	143*l.*	18*s.*	0*d.*
Expenses of William Bonvyle and Alexander Hody at Wells, July 21, because of			

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insurgents against the peace of the church and the king. This with 2*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* for expenses of 3 men and 17*s.* 11*d.* for expenses of Walter Rodney on July 21 ; all three cancelled.

Expenses of 4 clerks, guarding the church for 4 days and nights .. .. 1*s.* 4*d.*

Mr. Lewis Rede, for men hired from Wales [*de Wallia*] to defend the church .. .. 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

A small chest to hold evidences.. .. .. 1*s.* 4*d.*

A mason hired at various times to hide the goods and jewels of the church by the advice of Thomas Boleyn, Thomas Chewe and the communar .. .. 16*s.* 10*d.*

Expenses of William Orewell to Salisbury, to inquire about the arrival of a large number of French at Southampton, with horse hire for the journey .. .. .. 2*s.* 0*d.*

Expenses at Banwell to view Lytheyoo and treat with the bishop, Aug. 17 .. .. 1*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.*

Expenses of Thomas Cokyr at Salisbury, Sept. 16, to enquire about the insurgents there .. .. 3*s.* 4*d.*

Expenses of John James, for the like, Sept. 23 .. .. 6*s.* 8*d.*

To the bishop's servants, for forwarding business in bishop's hands, Oct. 1 .. .. 1*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*

For 2 flasks of wine to Lewis Morgan .. .. 1*s.* 4*d.*

Paid Mr. John Stokes meeting the lord of Bonvyle about Est Lambroke .. .. .. 5*s.* 2*d.*

Mr. William Fulford, sent to Est Lambroke against the sale of manor, Dec. 17 .. .. 1*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.*

Expenses of the lord of Bonvyle &c. coming to Wells for the defence of the church and its ministers .. .. 3*l.* 16*s.* 11¼*d.*

Expenses of selling tithe sheaves of Burnham 3*s.* 4*d.*

Paid each of 11 canons resident this year, 35*l.* 13*s.* 7¾*d.* .. ..

Bydesham. Sold to John Leman 2¼*oz.* " ruban " to mend a cope in chapel of B.M. 2*s.* 7½*d.*

Paid the sacristan for ringing the great bells in the western tower since the fall of the high tower .. .. 6*s.* 8*d.*

and for four previous years .. .. .. 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

To Robert Cator, for playing the organ .. 6*s.* 8*d.*

Cleaning the great candlesticks in the choir 1*s.* 2*d.*

making 2 canopies to cover them with cloth .. .. 1*s.* 0*d.*

Cleaning and soldering 4 candlesticks of tin 10*d.*

Procuring by exchange 2 phials of tin for the altar of St. John .. .. 8*d.*

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1½ dozen "refesyng gurdel"		1*s.*	0*d.*
1 dozen ditto			4*d.*
Mending the best cross and 2 best candlesticks		10*s.*	0*d.*
Making foot and small cross with new bolle and gilding the same, for a cup used in carrying the relics		9*s.*	0*d.*
6*oz.* of silver for the same, at 1*s.* 6*d.* the *oz.*		15*s.*	0*d.*
Covering a missal for the altar of St. John			10*d.*
Making 287 botys [butts] for books in the choir		1*l.* 10*s.*	4*d.*
Making 20 burdens, with 4 staples and 1 clasp, for the said books		2*s.*	9*d.*
Mending books in the choir			8*d.*
1 skin of red leather			5*d.*
Seeking organist at Cerne, with horse hire for 2½ days		1*s.*	10*d.*
1 dozen rings of latten to hang the temple veil			2*d.*
Mending the dragon			2*d.*
To Michael of Gloucester for mending the organ		2*l.* 7*s.*	5*d.*
4 iron chains and 2 staples, to chain books in choir		2*s.*	10*d.*
For wax and mending the table of canons and vicars and other ministers of church		1*s.*	6*d.*
For 4 pieces of thread laces		1*s.*	8*d.*
2 pieces of buckram		16*s.*	0*d.*
For thread and mending vestments in the treasury, for 8 years		2*s.*	8*d.*

1454–1455.

ACCOUNTS of JOHN COMBE, the ESCHEATOR, from MICHAELMAS, 1454, to MICHAELMAS, 1455.

Receipts.

Oblations of the dead		2*s.*	8¾*d.*
One gown, the mortuary of William, the servant of Thomas Downe		1*s.*	8*d.*
Mortuary of John Balch			4*d.*
Michaelmas term.—Obit of Mr. Richard Corden, for 20 years, this year the 3rd		1*l.* 0*s.*	0*d.*
Christmas term.—Obit of John Forest, late dean, for 20 years, this year the 9th		2*l.* 0*s.*	0*d.*
Obit of John Stortwayt		1*l.* 0*s.*	0*d.*
Lady Day term.—Obit of Henry Beauford, late bishop of Winton and cardinal of England		1*l.* 0*s.*	0*d.*
Collected from canons, vicars, altarists and choristers and the master of the schools,			

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to satisfy John Tregodek, escheator of preceding year, for the excess of his account	7*l.*	14*s.*	6*d.*
Prebends vacant: Harptre, by the death of Master Hooper	10*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Henstridge, by the death of Nicholas Sturgyon	17*l.*	8*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

Excess paid to John Tregodek, the escheator last year	11*l.*	3*s.*	2*d.*
Defect of rent of John Manston's houses, besides 12*s.* overpaid in 26*s.* 8*d.* for the obit of the said Manston, levied from lands in Depford		14*s.*	8*d.*
Distributed to 46 persons from the prebend of Harptre	5*l.*	8*s.*	3½*d.*
half-tenth to king		8*s.*	0*d.*
portion of deceased	2*l.*	14*s.*	2½*d.*
expenses of J. Tregodek and J. Combe in gathering the money of said prebend		2*s.*	8*d.*
the vicar of the stall	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
To 43 persons from prebend of Henstridge	8*l.*	13*s.*	9½*d.*
the vicar of the stall	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
half-tenth		16*s.*	8*d.*
portion of deceased	4*l.*	7*s.*	3½*d.*
Expenses in selling corn		11*s.*	3*d.*
in getting the money		14*s.*	10½*d.*
fine in Royal Court..		1*s.*	0*d.*
Paid to vicar there, for levying payment for hay on Easter day			8*d.*
Tithe of hay of Nicholas Crese and John Anger, not paid because of floods		2*s.*	4*d.*
Distributed at Christmas term.—Obit of John Stortwayt at dirige to 44 persons ..		9*s.*	2*d.*
altarist			2½*d.*
chorister			2½*d.*
at Mass		9*s.*	2*d.*
altarist			2½*d.*
chorister			2½*d.*
Lady Day term.—Obit of Henry Beauford, cardinal of England, at dirige to 48 persons		8*s.*	0*d.*
altarist			2*d.*
chorister			2*d.*
at Mass		8*s.*	0*d.*
altarist			2*d.*
chorister			2*d.*
Bell at the exequies of Dean Forest			8*d.*
of John Orum			4*d.*
of Cardinal Beauford			6*d.*
of Richard Cordon			6*d.*

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Repair of the pavement before John Roper's house			4*d.*
Repairs to Surray's house in Chamberlain St.			10*d.*
to Selborne's house	2*l.*	7*s.*	6½*d.*
Journeys of the escheator and his servant and 2 horses, to Depford various times ..		8*s.*	10½*d.*
Letters to the noble John Mountpersant ..		1*s.*	0*d.*
Expenses of Richard Chocke, coming to Wells about Depford		6*s.*	8*d.*
Fee of John Fitzjames about the same		3*s.*	4*d.*
Expenses of J. Mountpersant, at Wells, to confer with dean and chapter		3*s.*	6½*d.*
Messenger to Depford, to make an appointment for a conference		2*s.*	0*d.*
Pulling down Rodney's place in New St. ..		10*s.*	5*d.*
Expenses riding to Depford and elsewhere, with horse hire	1*l.*	2*s.*	8*d.*
Wages of 2 men threshing and winnowing wheat, barley and draget		11*s.*	0*d.*
Allowed to John Kent, because he is poor and only has 3*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* for his crops	1*l.*	2*s.*	4*d.*

1455–1456.

ACCOUNTS of JOHN PEDWELL, the COMMUNAR, from MICHAELMAS, 1455, to MICHAELMAS, 1456.

Receipts.

Received of pension of 10*l.* from Wroxall Church, for John Storthwait's mass		3*s.*	4*d.*
For rent late John Wethy's in New St., granted for 20 years after his death. He died on St. Stephen day, 1450		3*s.*	6*d.*
Of William Gascoyne, lord of one third part of Newton Plecy, yearly rent	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
From vacant churches in the archdeaconry of Wells	1*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

Paid petty commons of the bishop and canons	173*l.*	2*s.*	6*d.*
To the boy bishop 8*d.* and each of his canons 2*d.*, on Innocents' Day		2*s.*	9*d.*
To Henry Hayne, the chaplain celebrating in the Alms House	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
bread and wine and repairs of vestments for him		6*s.*	8*d.*
obit of Mr. Richard Bruton there ..		6*s.*	8*d.*

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Half-tenth to the king at Martinmas in the winter	42*l.*	19*s.*	3¾*d.*
do. for Dunster		5*s.*	0*d.*
Exequies of the late Bishop Ergum	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Inquiry at the Exchequer in London about the king's tenth from Burnham, during 6 days with horse hire		14*s.*	6*d.*
Mattress and bolster sent to Cory		8*s.*	0*d.*
To the glasier, for mending the glass of all the windows in the chancel of St. Cuthbert's		3*s.*	5*d.*
To Mr. Hugh Sugar's clerk, for writing the chapter's appeal to the Roman Court ..		6*s.*	8*d.*
Rebuilding the chancel of Modford Church ..	29*l.*	9*s.*	7*d.*
To each of 13 canons resident, 26*l.* 5*s.* 3¾*d.*			
Bydesham. For 3 burdons for 2 books in the choir			6*d.*
for 10 burdons			8*d.*
¾*oz.* of silk		1*s.*	0*d.*
1 piece of blue buckram		7*s.*	0*d.*
At Bristol, St. James's fair, 15½*oz.* of silk ruban		18*s.*	1½*d.*
gold thread		2*s.*	0*d.*
silver thread		1*s.*	8*d.*
1 dozen "knappys" of silk			8*d.*
1 small piece of green buckram		2*s.*	8*d.*
½*lb.* of white and blue thread			6*d.*
Silk and silver thread		1*s.*	2*d.*
To Walter Hale, librarian of register of church		3*s.*	4*d.*
4*oz.* of silk		5*s.*	4*d.*
To Henry Cornyssh for 3⅝*oz.* of silk		4*s.*	8¼*d.*
To the same for filner de Luke			4*d.*
2 dozen copper rings for the upper frontal of the high altar, the gift of Bishop Bubwith			8*d.*
74½ ells of white Flemish cloth for 12 albs	2*l.*	3*s.*	11½*d.*
making same		6*s.*	0*d.*
carriage of said cloth from London ..			10*d.*
Tin can for wine got in exchange			5*d.*
Binding psalter		1*s.*	3*d.*

1455–1456.

Accounts of John Cumbe, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1455, to Michaelmas, 1456.

Receipts.

Oblations of the dead		3*s.*	1½*d.*
For timber from old houses in New St. ..		10*s.*	11*d.*
For 36 loads of stone there		5*s.*	0*d.*
Vacant prebends: Eston in Gordano, by the death of Robert Parfyte	11*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*

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Expenses.

Defect of rent.—For John Manston's houses in Depford, Wilts, for this year only, to pay henceforth 20*s.* as of old		13*s.*	4*d.*
Christmas term.—Obit of J. Stortwayt to 44 persons		11*s.*	0*d.*
Paid for a chest of spruce, with 2 locks ..		6*s.*	8*d.*
Repairs of various houses	1*l.*	11*s.*	3½*d.*
About the Depford business, riding to Wilton, John Dawe at Wells and Depford, conferring with J. Mountperson	1*l.*	11*s.*	7½*d.*
Allowed to the escheator for debts not recoverable	7*l.*	0*s.*	3*d.*
viz : the late archdeacon Moleyns for the obit of W. de St. Quintin 2*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*			
the purchasers of corn of St. Decuman prebend, vacant by the death of William Stevenes, 2*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.*			
John Miles, the escheator, dead, 1*l.* 6*s.* 1*d.*			
John Aysch, fuller, for Netelton's house in Grope Lane for 1447, for which the administrator of John Miles asserted in 1454 that he held a silver girdle in pledge, 13*s.* 4*d.*			
Rent of Ralph Canon's house in 1453 16*s.* 8*d.*			
Owing by Walter Tristram, farmer of the prebend of Eston in Gordano, because the day of payment has not arrived ..	11*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Distributed by the escheator to 40 persons	2*l.*	11*s.*	8*d.*
Forgiven to himself			6½*d.*

1457–1458.

Accounts of John Garnesey and John Tregodek, Keepers of the Fabric, from Michaelmas, 1457, to Michaelmas, 1458.

Balance	133*l.*	9*s.*	8¼*d.*

Receipts.

Rents of assize [besides the items of 1390-1] :			
From the archdeacon of Wells for Doulting and Estbrent churches, paid by the abbat of Glastonbury, according to an ordinance	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
for 2 closes, now made one, called Gilynhurst, in the eastern field of Cockysleyfeld		6*s.*	8*d.*

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for 1 acre of meadow in Wottonsmede, called St. Andrew's acre		2*s.*	6*d.*
for 1 acre, lately arable, between Boltrew and Milton, now enclosed with hedge and ditch by Mr. John Reynolds		4*s.*	0*d.*
Pension from Wroxale Church, Mr. John Stortwait's foundation for lamp before the altar of the Holy Cross in the north of the cathedral		4*s.*	4*d.*
Oblations in pixes: of St. Mary at the choir door, on her five feasts, 17*s.* 2*d.*; of Holy Cross in the chapel of B.M. by the cloister, 10½*d.*; of Bishop Ralph, 5*d.*; of St. Michael and St. Sitha, 6½*d.*; of St. Saviour before the Library, 1*d.*; of the Coronation of B.M., 1*s.* 1*d.*; of St. Thomas and St. Leonard, 2*d.*; of St. Andrew by the west door, 1*s.* 9*d.*; of William Bytton junior, 15*s.* 7½*d.*; of St. Michael in the corner of the presbytery, 6*d.*; of St. Mary Magdalen, 4*d.*; of St. George, 2½*d.*; of St. Christopher, 2*d.*; of *Pietas domini*, 2*d.*; of St. Mary de Jusyan, 1*s.* 6*d.* Total	2*l.*	0*s.*	7*d.*
Sales: 9*lbs.* of lead			9*d.*
12*lbs.* of lead			10*d.*
6 wagons of freestone		4*s.*	0*d.*
Legacies and collections of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Small sums through the bishop's commissary and the archdeacon's officials	1*l.*	16*s.*	1*d.*
Will of Richard Smyth of the College		1*s.*	8*d.*
Mr. John Sparhauke		6*s.*	8*d.*
Archdeaconry of Bath			10*d.*
Do. of Wells		5*s.*	7*d.*
Will of Richard Mason and John Cras of Frome			8*d.*
Alice Flynt		1*s.*	8*d.*
W. Cotle			6*d.*
Nicholas Stone of Bristol		1*s.*	0*d.*
Richard Dollyng of Wells, a silver girdle		5*s.*	8*d.*
William Hayball		3*s.*	4*d.*
Stephen Combe			4*d.*
Archdeaconry of Taunton			10*d.*
Richard Pogeys		1*s.*	8*d.*
Briefs of St. Andrew in Bath and Redclyffe deaneries	3*l.*	2*s.*	5½*d.*
Frome, Axbrug and Paulet deaneries	4*l.*	15*s.*	2½*d.*
Cary, Merston, Ilchester deaneries and jurisdiction of the dean of Wells ..	8*l.*	2*s.*	9*d.*

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Crukern, Taunton, Dunster, Brugwater deaneries and jurisdiction of Glaston	11*l.*	18*s.*	10*d.*
Received from outside.—Of churches : Bocland			8*d.*
Cory Malet		2*s.*	0*d.*
Shepton Beauchamp		1*s.*	2*d.*
Ile Bruers			5*d.*
Ayschbrytell			10*d.*
Welyngton		3*s.*	8*d.*
Lydeard Bishop's, 2 years		7*s.*	2*d.*
Wynscombe		2*s.*	5*d.*
Of vicar's stalls vacant : Combe I, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* ; Haselbere, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* ; Bocland, 2 quarters, 13*s.* 4*d.* ; Codeworth, 2 quarters, 13*s.* 4*d.* ; Ayshill, two quarters, 13*s.* 4*d.* ; Combe III, one quarter, 6*s.* 8*d.* ; Combe IX, 2 quarters, 13*s.* 4*d.* ; Combe V, one quarter, 6*s.* 8*d.* ; Tymberscombe, 3 quarters, 1*l.* ; Dynra, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* ; Lytton, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* ; Combe IV, 3 quarters, 1*l.* ; Combe II, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* ; Wedmore II, 2 quarters, 10*s.* ; Wedmore III, 3 quarters, 15*s.* ; Wedmore V, 3 quarters, 15*s.* ; Mylverton I, 2 quarters, 13*s.* 4*d.* Total	14*l.*	18*s.*	4*d.*
Total receipts, without the balance	57*l.*	2*s.*	5*d.*

Expenses.

Paid masons, carpenters and other labourers, weekly wages [nothing paid from Dec. 4 to March 25]	3*l.*	0*s.*	8½*d.*
Expenses of collection of St. Andrew's Brotherhood : At consistories, to the bishop's commissary, the official of the archdeacon of Wells, the registrar, rectors, vicars and other chaplains attending		7*s.*	4*d.*
Journey through the diocese : in lunches for the official, registrar, rectors, vicars and other chaplains	1*l.*	8*s.*	3*d.*
horse hire, 10 days		6*s.*	2*d.*
servant, 10 days		1*s.*	8*d.*
Official of the archdeacon of Bath		3*s.*	4*d.*
registrar		1*s.*	8*d.*
deans of Bath and Redclyffe, for delivery of briefs and collecting pence of St. Andrew		2*s.*	0*d.*
Official of the archdeacon of Wells		6*s.*	8*d.*
registrar		3*s.*	4*d.*
deans of Frome, Cary, Merston and Yvelchester, for briefs and collecting		5*s.*	4*d.*

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The bishop's apparitor		3*s.*	4*d.*
official of the archdeacon of Taunton ..		6*s.*	8*d.*
registrar		3*s.*	4*d.*
deans of Crukern, Taunton, Dunster and Bridgwater, for briefs and collecting		5*s.*	4*d.*
briefs and collecting in the archdeaconry of Glaston		1*s.*	8*d.*
dean of Axbrug, for briefs and collecting		1*s.*	4*d.*
dean of Pawlet, the like		1*s.*	0*d.*
writing 480 briefs and 8 long rolls of names of prebends, parochial churches and chaplains		16*s.*	0*d.*
6 quaterns of paper for briefs &c. ..		2*s.*	0*d.*
parchment for roll		1*s.*	4*d.*
Fees to rectors, vicars and other chaplains in 12 deaneries and jurisdictions of the dean of Wells and Glaston	2*l.*	15*s.*	7*d.*
Paid for one load of wood, to make ladders and rungs		3*s.*	0*d.*
for 200 of lead		10*s.*	0*d.*
for 67*lbs.* of new tin		14*s.*	10*d.*
Rent of Doulting quarry	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
For 28 jars of oil, *nil*, because from the church store			
To the caretaker of the lamps		1*s.*	0*d.*
Wages of keeper of the fabric	1*l.*	10*s.*	4*d.*
For the procession at first vespers of St. Mary, at her altar, among 39 persons		3*s.*	3*d.*
altarist			1*d.*
chorister, 1*d.*, this 20th year, and so for the future up to the payment of 100*s.*, received for the houses in Tucker St., sold to Stephen Merston, late a burgess of Wells			
To John Cochill, for hauling and rough-hewing 81 loads of free stone of "ayshler"	2*l.*	7*s.*	3*d.*
To John Hancock, for hauling and rough-hewing 18 loads of mold stone from the vicar of Doulting's quarries, for pavement of the cloister, because he would sooner work with well squared		13*s.*	6*d.*
For 99 loads carried from the said quarry to Wells	4*l.*	19*s.*	1*d.*
For 62*qrs.* of lime	1*l.*	5*s.*	0*d.*
To John Parsons, for dressing [*ligacione*] 16*ft.* square at Doulting quarry, for 12 days ..		4*s.*	0*d.*
To Thomas Nabbe, for 3 boards of elm to make a "whelebarow" for the quarry		1*s.*	1*d.*
for making it			6*d.*
for iron bond &c.		1*s.*	2*d.*

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New key for the "logg"		2*d.*
Key for the door of camery		2*d.*
Pair of "gymyes" for pales round the baptistry in the church		4*d.*
Standard to carry water	1*s.*	0*d.*
two iron evys for it		1*d.*
6 hooks for the plummery windows and doors		4*d.*
Mending 2 shovels		2*d.*
A haberjon barell		2*d.*
Candelabrum of St. Thomas and other candelabra		3*d.*
For hooping vessels		4*d.*
Mending the lock of the new tower		3*d.*
Four hooks for a new cloth about the high altar		1*d.*
Four iron hooks for the doors of the plummery and lodge		4*d.*
Mending one twyxte of the outer door of camery		2*d.*
Two buckets		9*d.*
4 bowls		4*d.*
2 new sieves		5*d.*
Paid the smith for making 2 iron shovels of his own iron, for Doulting quarry, weighing 19*lbs.*	1*s.*	7*d.*
3 others of the church store, weighing 20*lbs.*		10*d.*
Mending 2 great iron betels, a crow, and one new shovel, for the quarry	3*s.*	4*d.*
9 loads of red earth, for mending the old part of the cloister	1*s.*	6*d.*
8 loads of sand, to mend the road between the church and John Coryn's dwelling	1*s.*	4*d.*
Paid John Turpyn, mason, for making 3 durns of free stone, viz. 40 feet, for the 3 plummery doors	3*s.*	4*d.*
Journey to Timberscombe and Bocland, to fetch money, and 3 days' horse hire ..	2*s.*	6*d.*
Journey to Haselbere and Ashill, for the like, 3½ days..	3*s.*	4*d.*
New lead pan		8*d.*
Paving the eastern portion of the cloister with one compartment [*cyvery*] of the southern portion, altogether 14 *cyverys*, each of 150*ft.*	6*l.* 11*s.*	3*d.*
To the keeper of the fabric, for his labour ..	10*s.*	0*d.*
For the school house: 200 tiles		10*d.*
500 lathnails		10*d.*
tiler for 4 days	1*s.*	4*d.*
Keeper of the canopy: carpenter for making it	4*s.*	7*d.*

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plate of Umpyll		2*s.*	10*d.*
red silk		1*s.*	4*d.*
Russell's wife for making the pix cover		1*s.*	0*d.*
cord of twine		2*s.*	4*d.*
iron stay, weighing 23*lbs.*		2*s.*	11¼*d.*
mason, for boring a hole in reredos			5*d.*
2 workmen for 1½ days to make a scaffold		1*s.*	0*d.*
painting the canopy		10*s.*	0*d.*
carrying it from Wells to Glaston and back			8*d.*
"Whirlegoge": wages of 2 men for 2 weeks and of one for 15½ days		15*s.*	7*d.*
2 stonecutters for 1 week		4*s.*	8*d.*
labourer to help them		2*s.*	0*d.*
4*qrs.* of lime		1*s.*	8*d.*
2 putts of sand			4*d.*
carpenter's work to make the hatch, with wood and nails		4*s.*	9½*d.*
iron bolt and chain, weighing 57*lbs.*		13*s.*	4½*d.*
Library: to Mr. John Pope, for repairs		9*s.*	1*d.*
Free quarry: working the quarry at Doulting *ad taxam*		4*s.*	0*d.*
paid John Stowell, stonecutter, his wages, one quarter		10*s.*	0*d.*
for 7 cartings of free stone		11*s.*	1*d.*
journeys to Bocland, Keynsham, Ayshill and Milverton, to get money, with 6 days' horse hire		5*s.*	8*d.*
Mending a staple [*coterellus*] of a holy water vessel			4*d.*
Mending the wheel of a bell in the new tower			6*d.*
Outside expenses: during vacancy of vicars' stalls, celebrating mass, Combe I, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Haselbere, 6*s.* 8*d.*; reading Gospel, Milverton, 1*s.* 8*d.*; Bocland, 1*s.* 8*d.*; Codeworth, 1*s.* 8*d.* Combe III, 10*d.*; Combe IX, 1*s.* 8*d.*; reading Passion, Combe V, 5*s.*; reading Epistle, Timberscombe, 1*s.* 8*d.*; Dynre, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Lytton, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Combe IV, 2*s.* 6*d.*; Combe II, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Wedmore II, 1*s.* 8*d.*; Wedmore III, 2*s.* 6*d.*; Wedmore V, 2*s.* 6*d.*; Ayshill, 10*d.*			
Total payments	41*l.*	8*s.*	9¾*d.*
Owing by computant	149*l.*	3*s.*	3½*d.*
From which, to 4 auditors		10*s.*	0*d.*
himself		9*s.*	0*d.*
besides 30*s.* 4*d.* wages above			
also for gathering money and making the cloister pavement on the east,			

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facing the chapel of St. Mary in the cloister	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Received for a burial place for provost John Trevenant and paving the cathedral church	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Legacies and devotions from the archdeaconry of Taunton for necessary uses, paid through Mr. Thomas Overey, official		8*s.*	0*d.*
Allowed for payments to the treasury through Mr. John Spekynton, for the burial of John Trevenant, and a legacy..	2*l.*	8*s.*	0*d.*
Allowed for expenses contracted by John Pedewell [communar] for various labours at the time of laying down his office, as shewn by bill before the auditors	1*l.*	1*s.*	6¼*d.*
Allowed for the vacancy of the stall of Scanford while J. Pedwell held office, 2*l.*, remaining with the executors of Mr. John Arundell, and it is not known where the money can be levied	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
For the vacancy of Haselbere, 13*s.* 4*d.*, remaining with the executors of Nicholas Sturgeon		13*s.*	4*d.*
For rent of a cottage in Elme, 1*s.*, remaining with the executors of Richard Bythewode, and it is not known where it can be levied		1*s.*	0*d.*
Given to the treasury, of J. Pedwell's debt ..		10*s.*	0*d.*
Paid John Tregodek, for various expenses as by a paper	1*l.*	5*s.*	0½*d.*
Also 8*s.* 4*d.* for suits in the King's Court, and 17*s.* 3½*d.* by favour of the auditors, so the computant owes 107*l.* 1*s.* 1¼*d.* viz. with the executors of Nicholas Calton, 3*s.* 2*d.*; Robert Borugh, 3*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*; John Bekynton, 4*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*; John Haydar, 2*l.* 6*s.* 4¾*d.*; Thomas Germyn, 22*l.* 19*s.* 10½*d.*; Fulk Bermycham, prebendary of Compton Bishop's, 2*l.* 11*s.* 1½*d.*; John Chichele, prebendary of Warminster, 1*l.*; Mr. Robert Tarry, prebendary of Haselbere, 13*s.* 4*d.*; Mr. Andrew Holes, archdeacon of Wells, for indemnity of Estbrent and Dultyng churches, for 8 years, 10*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; paid to treasury in part payment of balances of preceding years, 4*l.*; John Garnesy, 41*l.* 7*s.* 3¼*d.*; the computant, 13*l.* 7*s.* 11¼*d.*			
Mem.: Delivered to the treasury at the audit as above, besides 4*l.*, sums amounting to	34*l.*	18*s.*	0*d.*

1458–1459.

Accounts of John Lefeman, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1458, to Michaelmas, 1459.

Receipts.

Oblation of John Rynon, on the Epiphany		2*s.*	0*d.*
Oblation of the dead		11*s.*	0*d.*
Palfrey and saddle of John Garnesy	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Obit, Lady Day term: Cardinal Beaufort, this year		18*s.*	0*d.*
Prebends vacant: Combe XII, by the death of Mr. John Trevenant, late provost of the church	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Combe X, by the death of Mr. Thomas Gascoigne	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*

Expenses.

Distributed to 44 persons from Combe XII, vacant by the death of John Trevenant		62*s.*	2¾*d.*
deceased's portion		31*s.*	1¼*d.*
stall vicar	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To 45 persons from Combe X, vacant by the death of Mr. Thomas Gascoigne ..		71*s.*	1*d.*
deceased's portion		35*s.*	6½*d.*
stall vicar		26*s.*	8*d.*
To 36 persons from the palfrey and saddle of John Garnesy	1*l.*	19*s.*	9*d.*
Fee to Walter Parys, for royal letters to Edith Selwood and William Perll		7*s.*	1*d.*
Wine for the sheriff's servant, bringing a copy of the royal letter for Edith Selwood			2*d.*
Wine for Sir John Wansford and Mr. John Stokes, for surveying a farm below the holding of Henry Selwode			5*d.*

1461–1462.

Accounts of John Pedewell, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1461, to Michaelmas, 1462.

Paid to 11 canons resident last year .. .. 399*l.* 5*s.* 10½*d.*

Receipts.

Received of John Keynell, lord of Newton Plecy, yearly rent	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Of vacant churches, from the official of the archdeacon of Wells	1*l.*	6*s.*	0*d.*
Of Thomas Epe junior, for confirming his manumission	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

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Of Richard Courteye, for sealing his camerary		13*s.*	4*d.*
Of Thomas Mychel, for the like		6*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

Paid petty commons of the bishop and canons	146*l.*	4*s.*	4*d.*
For wine on *Cena Domini*, so much more because a jar of wine was sold for 10*d.* ..	1*l.*	3*s.*	6*d.*
To the escheator: for obits of John Hubard and John Hoo, 8*s.* each		16*s.*	0*d.*
of Richard Brewton		6*s.*	8*d.*
of Henry Beauford..		18*s.*	0*d.*
The king's half-tenth at Lady Day, for Pokylchurch	1*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
To Walter Parys, for letter of king's pardon to the cathedral..	1*l.*	4*s.*	8*d.*

Bydesham. For 4 clasps for Mr. J. Storthwayte's book			6*d.*
3 dozen "refesyn gurdell"		1*s.*	6*d.*
For setting 141 "horfy," scallops and roses on frontals, for the high altar in Lent ..		12*s.*	11*d.*
for 2 yards of fringe and 2 "riddels" of russet		1*s.*	3*d.*
rings for the same			3*d.*
making		1*s.*	4*d.*
Mending 2 ancient carpets for the high altar		13*s.*	4*d.*
Binding a gradual and a processional ..		2*s.*	0*d.*
Mending thurible gilt throughout		6*s.*	8*d.*
4*oz.* of broken silver, with 72*oz.* of silver from store, for two new thuribles		10*s.*	4*d.*
making and gilding the same	2*l.*	10*s.*	8*d.*
2 dozen "refesyn gurdells"		1*s.*	0*d.*
Binding a gradual and a "martiloge" ..		5*s.*	0*d.*
Mending the organ in the choir, by agreement	8*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

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Accounts of John Lefman, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1461, to Michaelmas, 1462.

Receipts.

Palfrey and saddle of Mr. Lewis Rede ..	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Obit of William Carent and Alice his wife ..	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Vacancy of Combe V, by the death of Mr. William Toly	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Defect of rent: of 1 acre of arable land, called Scherpace		1*s.*	8*d.*

1461–1462.

Expenses.

Distribution of oblations and prebends : to 46 persons, from the vacancy of Combe V	3*l.*	7*s.*	1*d.*
portion of deceased	1*l.*	13*s.*	9¼*d.*
vicar of the stall	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
To 40 persons from the palfrey and saddle of Mr. Lewis Rede	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To the prior of Bruton, collector of the half-tenth for the king, to be paid at the Annunciation of B.M.		5*s.*	4*d.*
Distribution of obits : in exequies of William Carent and Alice his wife, at dirige to 46 persons		15*s.*	4*d.*
at mass to 46 persons		7*s.*	8*d.*
Paid to Thomas Parcyvale, for putting off the fine for the ditch opposite W. Bath's house in Chamberlain St.		1*s.*	8*d.*
Repaid to the escheator, in which he had been overcharged for 3 years, because it could not be levied on Tracy and Pegon's houses in Torlane		4*s.*	0*d.*

1469–1470.

Accounts of John Huskyns, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1469, to Michaelmas, 1470.

Receipts.

Oblations : Of the illustrious king Edward		10*s.*	0*d.*
Of the illustrious prince, the duke of Clarence		5*s.*	0*d.*
Of the duchess of Clarence		5*s.*	0*d.*
of the earl of Warwyke, in the dean's chapel		5*s.*	0*d.*
Obit of Nicholas Carent and his parents ..	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
of John Pedwell	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Prebends vacant : Tymber combe, by the death of Mr. John Brykhed	8*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Combe I, by the death of Mr. John Wygrome	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Compton Dundon, by the death of Mr. Stephen Morepath	15*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Yatton, by the death of Mr. Thomas Purvear	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

To 42 persons from the vacancy of Tymberscombe	4*l.*	7*s.*	6*d.*

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portion of the deceased	2*l.*	3*s.*	10*d.*
vicar of the stall	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
To 42 persons from Combe I	3*l.*	6*s.*	7*d.*
tenth to the King		5*s.*	4*d.*
portion of the deceased	1*l.*	13*s.*	9*d.*
To 41 persons from Compton Dunden	8*l.*	18*s.*	0*d.*
tenth to the King, the executors having paid 6*s.* 8*d.* only		3*s.*	4*d.*
portion of the deceased	4*l.*	10*s.*	8*d.*
vicar of the stall	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Allowed the farmers for good payment ..		1*s.*	4*d.*
To 42 persons from Yatton prebend	26*l.*	12*s.*	0*d.*
portion of the deceased	13*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
At the exequies of John Pedwell: at dirige to 38 persons, and altarist and chorister		13*s.*	4*d.*
at mass to 39 persons, and altarist and chorister		10*s.*	3*d.*
To the treasurer, for wax at the exequies of Nicholas Carent and parents			8*d.*
the like for John Pedwell		1*s.*	0*d.*

1470–1471.

ACCOUNTS of JOHN COMBE, the COMMUNAR, from MICHAELMAS, 1470, to MICHAELMAS, 1471.

Paid to 11 canons resident last year	344*l.*	0*s.*	5*d.*

Receipts.

Received of Shepeham manor rents, the gift of Bishop Bekynton	5*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Rent of 15 new messuages in the city of Wells, built at the expense of Bishop Bekynton	18*l.*	16*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

Paid petty commons of the bishop and canons	140*l.*	17*s.*	4*d.*
To the treasurer, for expenses on account of Dr. Makerell	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To Provost Swanne, for money paid to the duke of Somerset	30*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To the dean and chapter: for mass of Bishop Bekynton at his altar, 52 weeks ..	6*l.*	1*s.*	4*d.*
his obit in the choir	3*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
wax		1*s.*	0*d.*
bell		1*s.*	0*d.*
14*lbs.* of wax, and making		9*s.*	4*d.*
To the communar, for payment of his mass		6*s.*	8*d.*

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The clerk of the chapel		10*s.*	0*d.*
The collector of the rent of 15 houses of the new work		6*s.*	8*d.*
To each of 11 canons resident 34*l.* 2*s.* 10½*d.*			
Bydesham. 5*oz.* of silk "ruband"		5*s.*	10*d.*
7*oz.* of fringe		8*s.*	2*d.*
Making 4 tunicles for the tabulars and choristers, of green demi-say		6*s.*	0*d.*
for 16 flowers placed on the said tunicles		6*s.*	8*d.*
Mending the travas of white silk		1*s.*	0*d.*
1¾ yards of bustian..			10½*d.*
Making 5 paras of white bustian		1*s.*	0*d.*
thread fringe		2*s.*	0*d.*
Waxing the great tablet for the tabular ..			10*d.*
2*lbs.* of hemp to make wigs for 3 Maries playing on the Passover night			6*d.*
3 coifs bought for them			3*d.*
3*qrs.* of fustick to dye the said wigs ..			6*d.*
dyeing and making the said *indumenta*.		1*s.*	0*d.*
Mending a foot stool in the choir as good as remaking		1*s.*	6*d.*
Splinters and tacknails for the day of the supper (Maundy)			3*d.*
Key for the lower door of the cawet			4*d.*
Mending a latten sconce in the choir ..			4*d.*

1472–1473.

Accounts of John Hylle, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1472, to Michaelmas, 1473.

Receipts.

Obit of Stephen Morepath		10*s.*	0*d.*
Vacant prebends: Wedmore I, by the death of Dean William Witham	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Dultingcote, by the death of Mr. Thomas Boleyn	15*l.*	5*s.*	0*d.*
Ilton, by the death of Mr. John Chedworth	13*l.*	11*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

To 43 persons from Wedmore I	26*l.*	12*s.*	1½*d.*
deceased's portion	13*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
To 44 persons from Dultingcote	10*l.*	1*s.*	8*d.*
deceased's portion	5*l.*	1*s.*	8*d.*
To 41 persons from Ilton	8*l.*	5*s.*	8½*d.*
deceased's portion	4*l.*	3*s.*	4*d.*

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Escheator's expenses riding twice to Ilton, to let the prebend to farm		8*s.*	9*d.*
paid the farmer for a fine and for digging a ditch		12*s.*	11*d.*
Spent about the affair of Depford	8*l.*	1*s.*	3*d.*
Two parts of first half of a tenth of Combe I, due last year and paid, but not brought into account		3*s.*	6½*d.*

1473–1474.

Accounts of John Combe, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1473, to Michaelmas, 1474.

Paid to 12 canons resident last year	289*l.*	18*s.*	3¼*d.*

Receipts.

Received of the dean and chapter by the hands of the vicars of the new close, for the annual rent from the manor of Newton Plecy, appropriated to them	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

Paid petty commons of the canons	150*l.*	14*s.*	0*d.*
The king's half-tenth at St. Mark's day ..	17*l.*	19*s.*	3¾*d.*
To Richard Gurney, feudary of the duke of Clarence, for repair of the close of Corymalet park, the vicars of the new close paying 15*s.* 6*d.* under the will of Bishop Bekynton for the manor of Cheddar ..		15*s.*	6*d.*
Bydesham. Paid for 2 dozen "tockyng gurdells"			8*d.*
2 cords for the picture at the high altar ..			2*d.*
Mending a silver thurible given by Mr. William Bygenell			12*d.*
12 ells of Flemish linen cloth for 4 albs, for choristers and tabulars		7*s.*	0*d.*
making them		1*s.*	4*d.*
2*lbs.* of silk ribbon	2*l.*	17*s.*	4*d.*
4 staves for rectors in the choir			8*d.*
painting them		1*s.*	4*d.*
Making a new chalice for the altar of St. Stephen	1*l.*	19*s.*	3*d.*
Mending a large portifory before the dean ..			4*d.*
Barliche. Tiling the chancel of St. Cuthbert		1*s.*	3*d.*

1473–1474.

Paid for new pikes [*lancee*] from London, besides 5*s.* received by Thomas Chewe, and for painting them		5*s.*	4*d.*
Mending the gutter from Lurteburne to the great gate called Westgate, along the stone wall of Mr. John Pemerton			4*d.*
A pair of balances for the exchequer			8*d.*
To the park keeper of Westbury		10*s.*	0*d.*
Making desks in the chancel of St. Cuthbert, besides 19*s.* 2*d.* paid by Mr. John Middelton	2*l.*	7*s.*	0*d.*

1473–1474.

ACCOUNTS of JOHN HYLLE, the ESCHEATOR, from MICHAELMAS, 1473, to MICHAELMAS, 1474.

Receipts.

Obit of John Manston	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Wood sold to William Northam and William Bispan		1*s.*	6*d.*
Vacant prebends: Barton, by the death of Mr. John Shelford	6*l.*	2*s.*	4*d.*
Cory, by the death of Mr. Robert Newball	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

To 42 persons from Barton prebend	1*l.*	2*s.*	9*d.*
portion of deceased		11*s.*	$7\frac{3}{4}d.$
chaplain at Barton	3*l.*	3*s.*	4*d.*
king's tenth		10*s.*	8*d.*
to archdeacon of Wells for procurations [*proxia*], Easter rent and gift of Martin		9*s.*	$10\frac{1}{2}d.$
for epistle and rectory		1*s.*	8*d.*
To 42 persons from Cory prebend		12*s.*	3*d.*
portion of deceased		6*s.*	4*d.*
king's tenth		1*s.*	0*d.*
Lady Day term.—Exequies of John Horforde and John Manston		9*s.*	$3\frac{1}{2}d.$
Procession on the eve of St. George, for William Brockelborthe, at first vespers to 44 persons		3*s.*	8*d.*
Fee to servants of Mr. Chocke	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To the vicar of Wedmore, for levying money for the obit of Nicholas Carente			8*d.*

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Accounts of John Menyman, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1478, to Michaelmas, 1479.

Receipts.

Received of the rents of Shepham manor, given by Bishop Beconton	8*l.*	16*s.*	8*d.*
Fees of the seal: Will of Thomas Lerebeke, vicar of Winsham	2*l.*	3*s.*	4*d.*
of Dean Gunthorp, for confirming tenants in Merke and Wedmore ..	3*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
manumission of William Edward of Westhatch	10*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
presentation of the vicar of Pokelchurch		6*s.*	8*d.*
will of Robert Martin, vicar of Winsham		13*s.*	4*d.*
manumission of Robert Estemere of Monkton	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Vacancies of churches in the archdeaconry of Wells	4*l.*	3*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

Paid for petty commons of the canons ..	149*l.*	7*s.*	0*d.*
Obit of Cardinal Beaufort		13*s.*	4*d.*
To the escheator, obit of John Maynstone ..	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Writing evidences about lands and tenements of Peter Orum [*cancelled*]		5*s.*	0*d.*
Expenses of men and scholars taking possession [*cancelled*]		1*s.*	4*d.*
The king's half-tenth at the Purification, paid to the prior of Bridgwater	17*l.*	19*s.*	3¾*d.*
To Thomas Morton's servant, for carriage of a doe given by Morton		3*s.*	4*d.*
3 pecks of flour bought for the venison pasty		1*s.*	3*d.*
½*lb.* of pepper for the same			7*d.*
To the king's players		6*s.*	8*d.*
To the prince's messenger		3*s.*	4*d.*
Bydesham. Paid for chimes and watch ..		6*s.*	8*d.*
Masses in the chapter		4*s.*	4*d.*
Cleansing candlesticks		2*s.*	10*d.*
Cleansing the basin before the altar of Holy Cross and remaking its bowl		1*s.*	0*d.*
Cord for a basin at the high altar			3*d.*
Binding one antiphonary		2*s.*	0*d.*
2 books in which choristers psalmodize ..		1*s.*	0*d.*
Mending 2 texts [*texta*] and gilding them ..		13*s.*	4*d.*
21*yds.* of buckram for 3 albs and amices for the high altar		7*s.*	0*d.*
making them		2*s.*	0*d.*

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Silk fastenings [*fibule*] for the copes of Henry Perci .. .. 4*d.*

Mending 2 chasubles at the altar of Thomas de Bekenton .. .. 4*d.*

Ribbon and thread for boys' vestments .. 1*s.* 0*d.*

12 " tucking gurdells " for the treasury .. 6*d.*

Key for the door of Bishop Bekenton's chapel .. .. 4*d.*

Mending a latten sconce in the choir .. .. 2*d.*

Note.—January 24, 1667. This parchment rolle was shewed unto Nicholas Dowthwaite, gent., at Wells, at the execution of a commission there yssued out of H.M. Court of Exchequer, for the examination of witnesses in a cause there depending between the dean and chapter of Wells, plaintiffs, and Charles Thirlby, clerke, defendant, before us, John Harvey, John Prickman.

1480–1481.

ACCOUNTS of JOHN STEVYNS, the ESCHEATOR, from MICHAELMAS, 1480, to MICHAELMAS, 1481.

Receipts.

Vacant prebend: Combe IV, by the death of John Perthe	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

To 40 persons from Combe IV	3*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	15*s.*	6*d.*
To Richard Vowell for one load of free stone		1*s.*	8*d.*

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ACCOUNTS of JOHN HYLLE, KEEPER OF THE FABRIC, from MICHAELMAS, 1480, to MICHAELMAS, 1481.

Receipts.

Oblations: On 5 feasts of B.M. from the pix at the choir door, 18*s.* 8*d.*; the pix of St. Andrew at the west door, 1*s.* 4*d.*; St. Erasmus, 3½*d.*; St. David, ½*d.*; St. Saviour at the choir corner, 1*d.*; St. Mary Magdalen, 1*d.*; William Button, 4*s.* 0½*d.*; St. Sithe, 1*s.* 4*d.*; the Coronation of B.M., 1*s.*; St. Leonard, 3*d.*; St. George, 2½*d.*; St. Saviour in the cloister, 2*d.*; St. Ann, 2*s.* 0½*d.*; St. Cristopher, 5½*d.*; Ralph de Salop, 1½*d.*; B. Mary in Jesina, 1*s.* 11*d.* Total	1*l.*	12*s.*	0½*d.*

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Sold 1 plucke and posts to Mr. Walter Osborn		2*s.*	0*d.*
11 posts to Mr. Thomas Overey		4*s.*	0*d.*
13 sheets of glass to J. Stebyns, Mr. Thomas Overey, Mr. J. Austell and J. Ponde		13*s.*	0*d.*
Legacies and collections of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew :			
by the bishop's commissary and officials of the archdeacons of Wells and Taunton..		13*s.*	4*d.*
by Mr. J. Standerwyk		3*s.*	11*d.*
Agnes Brente		1*s.*	0*d.*
W. Dudesham of Canyngton	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
J. Jordayne of Evercrych		1*s.*	4*d.*
Thomas Chew, vicar choral	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
by Mr. Thomas Mersch		5*s.*	0*d.*
by briefs in Bath and Ratclyffe deaneries	2*l.*	11*s.*	2*d.*
briefs in the deaneries of Frome, Axbryge and Powlet	4*l.*	17*s.*	11*d.*
briefs in the deaneries of Cory, Merston and Ilchester and the jurisdiction of the dean of Wells	5*l.*	9*s.*	6½*d.*
briefs in the deaneries of Crukehorn, Taunton, Dunster, Brugewater and the jurisdiction of Glaston	10*l.*	0*s.*	7*d.*
Received from vacancies of vicars' stalls : Combe I, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* ; Haselbere, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* ; Combe VIII, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* ; Wedmore III, 1*l.* ; Wedmore IV, 1*l.* ; Wedmore V, 1*l.* ; Codworth, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* ; Ilton, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* ; Timberscombe, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* ; Dinner, 1*l.* ; Taunton, 1*l.* ; Worminster, 1*l.* ; Bocland, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* ; Whitelakyngton, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* ; Milverton I, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* ; Compton Episcopi, 1*l.* 10*s.* ; Dultingcote, 13*s.* 4*d.*...			

Expenses.

Weekly wages of stone-cutters, carpenters and others, through the year	7*l.*	12*s.*	10½*d.*
Expenses of collection of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew :			
for consistories		5*s.*	8*d.*
lunch to officials, registrar, vicars and other chaplains	1*l.*	6*s.*	6*d.*
2 horses and servant for 18 days ..		14*s.*	8*d.*
official of Bath and registrar		5*s.*	0*d.*
deans of Bath and Ratclyffe		2*s.*	0*d.*
official of the archdeacon of Wells and registrar		10*s.*	0*d.*

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deans of Frome, Cary, Merston and Ilchester, for delivering briefs		5*s.*	4*d.*
apparitor-general		3*s.*	4*d.*
official and registrar of the archdeacon of Taunton		10*s.*	0*d.*
deans of Crukehorn, Taunton, Dunstar and Brugewater		5*s.*	4*d.*
parochial chaplain of St. John's, Glaston		1*s.*	8*d.*
dean of Axbryge		1*s.*	4*d.*
dean of Powlet		1*s.*	0*d.*
writing 480 briefs and 8 long rolls ..		16*s.*	0*d.*
6 quires of paper for briefs		2*s.*	0*d.*
parchment for rolls of prebends, churches and chapels		1*s.*	6*d.*
fee to vicars, rectors &c.	2*l.*	4*s.*	2*d.*
Paid for 6,700*lbs.* of lead	16*l.*	15*s.*	0*d.*
bordnails		4*s.*	0*d.*
hatchnails		7*s.*	6*d.*
lead nails		6*s.*	0*d.*
Rent of Doulting quarry	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To Richard Wyne, for one load of paviours ..		1*s.*	0*d.*
Spikenails			4*d.*
sack of lime			2*d.*
lead and solder [*blank*], for the chancel of St. Cuthbert's			
3 wagon loads of reeds for the house near the chapel of B. Mary		7*s.*	6*d.*
Mending the chime		2*s.*	6*d.*
A load of earth for lead pans			2*d.*
Sieve			2½*d.*
Keys for the pixes of St. David, St. George and St. Mary Magdalen			9*d.*
Key for the door of ambulatory			2*d.*
Mending an ambo in the choir			6*d.*
To Thomas Wexmaker, for making 89*lbs.* of wax for the beam		3*s.*	8½*d.*
Mr. William Smyth, stone-cutter, yearly pay	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
A load of reeds		2*s.*	10*d.*
18*lbs.* of wax		9*s.*	9*d.*
A load of paviours for the sepulchre of Thomas Chew		1*s.*	0*d.*
To a friar viewing the organs		2*s.*	6*d.*
2 locks for the camerey door			10*d.*
Mending a holy-water vessel		1*s.*	8*d.*
6 bars of 48*lbs.*, for the great window at the end of the church		4*s.*	0*d.*
A hogshead of oil at Bristol	2*l.*	5*s.*	2*d.*
carriage of the same		1*s.*	10*d.*
Cord for the chime, weighing 30*lbs.*		3*s.*	9*d.*
2 locks for the churchyard door and 1 for the little house on the chapel of B.M. ..			7*d.*

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Timber		9*s.*	0*d.*
2 loads of wood for the plumber and glass-maker		5*s.*	4*d.*
A load of ash logs for the exchequer		3*s.*	0*d.*
4*lbs.* of tin			8*d.*
3 bushels of quick lime		1*s.*	0*d.*
Paid for mass, epistle and gospel during the vacancy of vicars' stalls	3*l.*	3*s.*	4*d.*
Paid to the keeper of the fabric for 1 acre in Wuttonsmede, called St. Andrew's acre, which perished this year, being stripped by the waters		2*s.*	0*d.*

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[1486, September 30.]—Dom Andreas Grantham is perpetuated in his chantry.—*fo.* 6.

Auditors : M. Swan, Merssh, Boket.

Escheators for the vicars : Aleyn, Grendale, Bawdewyn ; for the canons : Bawd[ewyn ?].

Master of the fabric : Stephenes.

Subtreasurer : Touker.

Tabular : Lefman.

Communar : Manyman.

Keepers of the library : Merssh, Austell.

Scrutators of the canons' houses : Lacy, Worthington.

Mr. John Gunthorpe, the dean, appointed agent [*gestor*] for certain business before the king and his magnates [*principes*].

Every canon resident is allowed 40 days to complete his residence this year, not to be a precedent.

[1486-7,] Feb. 3.—John Wan[sforde ?], . . . , John Austell, John Lascy and William Chokke, capitularly [assembled], appointed . . . [? archdeacon] of Bath, and Richard Nykke, LL.D., proctors to convocation at St. Paul's.—*fo.* 6*d.*

[1486-7,] Feb. 19.—Present : John Wansforde, subdean, Thomas Overay, precentor, Hugh Sugar, treasurer, John Austell, William Chokke, Richard Worthington and John Hyll, canons.

At the request of Robert [Stillington], bishop of Bath and Wells, the presentation to the vicarage of Cheddre is granted

* Liber Ruber, part 2, begins here. The first five folios are missing. The date of the first chapter is also missing ; a later hand has added "1487, 2 H. 7", but it is probably September 30, 1486.

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to Mr. Thomas Goldweghe, notary public and bishop's registrar ; the dean warned him to provide for the presentation to his vicarage of Sturmyster Newton at the will of the dean and chapter. Vacat, *in margin*.

[1486-7,] Feb. 23.—William Albon admitted a vicar choral for a year of probation.

[1486-7,] March 2.—John Giglys admitted a canon and co-brother of the cathedral church and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe XIV, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1487, April —.— . . . letters of King Henry to the dean and chapter for . . . Cheddre to Mr. John Vowell, canon of the cathedral church . . . [at] whose recommendation and instant request . . . April 9 . . . parish of Cheddre to Mr. John Vowell. . . . *Torn and crossed through.*

1487, March —.—Richard Childe, chaplain, admitted to the perpetual chantry at the altar of St. Edmund in the nave of the cathedral, founded for the soul and good memory of Ralph Ergham, sometime bishop, on the nomination of Mr. John Vowell in order of his voice according to the form of the capitular acts [*juxta ordinem vocis sue secundum formam actorum capitularium*].—*fo.* 7.

1487, April 9.—Grant to Mr. John Vowell, canon, at the special request of King Henry, of the presentation to the vicarage of Cheddre, now vacant by the death of Mr. Thomas Merssh.

John Hyll, canon, and John Stephenes, vicar choral, appointed masters of the fabric of the new building in New St., Wells, to complete the same.

Mr. John Austell appointed official of the peculiar jurisdiction of the dean and chapter.

1487, April 18.—The dean and chapter and the abbat of Athelnay agree to submit their differences concerning certain lands in Northcory to the arbitration of four skilled lawyers [*jurisperiti*], two . . . and two seculars.

1487, April 19.—Chapter acts with reference to the violation of the statutes and laudable customs of the cathedral church by the installation of Mr. Richard Worthington as provost of the cathedral church and prebendary of Combe XII by virtue of a mandate of the bishop, addressed to Mr. Hugh Sugar, the treasurer.—*fo.* 7*d.*

The chapter had communication with Mr. Sugar *de et super injusta ac furtiva inductione et installacione Magistri Ricardi Worthington* to the provostship of the cathedral church, made

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by Mr. Sugar on Easter Eve, in pursuance of the bishop's mandate, and by reason of the prebend of Combe XII annexed to the provostship. It was decided to write to the bishop *pro reformatione eorundem.*

1487, April 20.—The letters to the bishop were read, and signed by the dean and every canon present (Hugh Sugar was absent) and were sealed with the seal *ad causas*; the dean and canons unanimously engaged to observe and defend the statutes and customs of the chapter at their joint expense, protesting at the same time that they did not intend to do anything in prejudice of the bishop's jurisdiction.

John Austell and John Lascy, canons residentiary, John Emlyne, William Chaunte and John Rede, general proctors of the Court of Canterbury, and John Menyman, vicar choral, appointed proctors of the chapter; to be sealed with the common seal—*fo.* 8.

Sir John Menyman, proctor of the dean and chapter, read a *provocatio ad sacrosanctam sedem apostolicam et dominum nostrum papam* et pro tuicione curie Cantuar' coram me Thoma Wade, authoritate apostolica notario publico.* Mr. Austell and Mr. Lascy appointed to demand and receive the third key of the common seal from Mr. Sugar, the treasurer.

1487, April 21.—They reported that they had asked for the key divers times, in the presence of Thomas Wade, notary public, and other sufficient witnesses, but that Mr. Sugar refused to deliver it up to the dean and chapter.

1487, April 24.—Immediately after the hour of prime [? *post horam primam decantatam*] John Menyman, vicar choral, proctor of the dean and chapter, in the choir of the cathedral, in the presence of Mr. Richard Worthington, pretending himself to be provost of the said church and being in the stall belonging to that office, read a monition, request and protest in writing, in the name of the proctors of the dean and chapter, in these words :—

In the name of God, amen! I, John Menyman, proctor of the venerable men the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Wells, and in the name of them, my lords, demand, warn and require, for the first, second and third times, and peremptorily, and also *instanter, instancius et instantissime,* thee, Master Richard Worthington, who hearest, and namest thyself provost of Combe in the said church of Wells and canon and prebendary of the prebend of Combe XII, to the said provostship annexed, according to the laudable custom of the said church, and as Dom. John Gornesey and Master Richard Swan, late provosts of Combe did, that thou takest before my said lords, the dean and chapter, in the chapter-house of the said church, all and singular the oaths as well by reason

* This word crossed out.

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of the provostship as of the canonry and prebend thereto annexed, wont to be taken, and which the said late provosts took in person on the Holy Gospel before the dean and chapter. —*fos.* 8, 8*d.*

1487, April 27.—On the nomination of Master William Chokk, the dean and chapter appointed William Corbet to the office of chaplain in the hospital of St. Saviour, the B.V.M. and All Saints, near St. Cuthbert's church, Wells. Andrew Grantham, vicar choral, and Thomas Wade, scribe of the chapter acts, were appointed to induct him.—*fo.* 8*d.*

1487, April 28.—Perpetuation of John Gyles, vicar choral. *Et quia idem Johannes propter infirmitatem psalterium corde tenus non reddidit, ut est moris, dominus decanus monuit ac illi injunxit ut infra breve redderet dictum psalterium, sub pena incumbente.—fo.* 9.

1487, May 2.—Grant to Richard Hygons, instructor of the choristers, for his life, for his diligence and good service, of an augmentation of 26*s.* 8*d.* yearly, issuing from a vacant stall.

1487, May 3.—Thomas Botler admitted as a canon and installed in person in the prebend of Hengstrige, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1487, May 8.—John Combe, vicar choral, collated to the stall of the prebend of Compton Bishop, now vacant *et ad ipsorum collacionem jure devoluto.*

1487, May 12.—The chapter recounted to Canon John Vowell all that had been done with regard to the usurpations of Hugh Sugar and Richard Worthington, all of which he affirmed, approved and ratified.—*fo.* 9*d.*

1487, May 19.—Ordered that pending the suit with Mr. Richard Worthington, pretending to be the provost of the cathedral church, the third key of the common seal should not remain in the hands of Mr. Hugh Sugar, although he was the senior residentiary ; and that he should not act as president of the chapter in the absence of the dean and subdean. It was desired that the key be kept by Mr. Thomas Overay and in his absence by the next senior residentiary.

John Vowell, canon residentiary, appointed to attend to this business before the king and the magnates [*principes*], granted leave of absence for this purpose until Michaelmas next.

1487, May 22.—Mr. William Chokke, canon resident, consented to and ratified the above.—*fo.* 10.

1487, May 24.—A bond under the common seal was delivered to Hugh Sugar, treasurer, John Wansforde, subdean, and

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John Aleyn, vicar choral, the executors of the testament of Mr. Richard Swan, late provost of the cathedral church, by which the dean and chapter were bound to pay to the executors yearly one third of the rent of a water-mill in the lordship of Northcory, after the building thereof, repairs only being deducted.

1487, May 25.—At the instant request of the dean he was allowed 6 oaks from the chapter's wood at Wynnescombe, for timber for his building to be constructed at Bytesham. Mr. John Dicce, the steward of the cathedral church, was assigned to deliver them.

Leave to John Vowel to take down and destroy a ruinous house, near the highway, within his dwelling house, on condition that he rebuild the hall of his dwelling within two years.—*fo.* 10*d.*

1487, June 1.—John Jenyn admitted a vicar non-perpetual, for one year.

1487, June 2.—Read a letter from John [Morton], archbishop of Canterbury, dated at Kyllyngworth, May 23, 1487, urging the installation of Richard Worthyngton in the office of provost of the cathedral.

1487, June 6.—Ordered that Richard Worthyngton, canon residentiary, be fined 20*l.* for his disobedience and contempt, to be paid to Mr. John Austell, the steward, without delay.—*fo.* 11.

Read letters patent of John, archbishop of Canterbury, sealed with his great seal in red wax, and also letters patent of Robert, bishop of Bath and Wells, directed to Hugh Sugar, the treasurer, for the induction and installation of Richard Worthyngton, LL.B., to the provostship of the cathedral and the prebend of Combe XII annexed thereto, vacant by the death of Mr. Richard Swan. On his renouncing all benefit of the installation by Mr. Sugar and humbly submitting himself to the dean and chapter and praying to be admitted and appointed to his proper stall, and on promising not to molest the chapter or their servants in regard to what had taken place, and on swearing on the Holy Gospels to indemnify them against the bishop and his successors (all of which matters were reduced into writing), Mr. Worthington was duly installed by Mr. William Boket and Dom. John Hyll, canons residentiary, deputed for that purpose. The dean thereupon received him again in the chapter house, and gave him the kiss of peace. Present :—Dom. John Combe, Dom. Richard Huchons and Dom. John Menyman, vicars choral, Mr. Peter Motyn [?], clerk and notary public, and very many other trustworthy witnesses specially called, and me, Thomas Wade, notary public, scribe of the acts.—*fos.* 11–13.

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1487, July 3.—Thomas Titrygge, third altarist, was warned to take the oath of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter, according to the statutes of the church, under penalty of privation. He refused, and the dean warned him not to use any further the habit of an altarist within the church.—*fo.* 13.

1487, July 29.—Thomas Gilbert, *decretorum doctor*, admitted a canon of the church and installed in person in the prebend of Hengstrige. Thomas Goldwege, scribe, in the absence of Thomas Wade.

1487, Aug. 27.—John Wansforde, the sub-dean, presented to the vicarage of St. Cuthbert's, Wells, on the death of Mr. Richard Worthington, the last vicar.

1487, Sept. 8.—John Gunthorpe, the dean, presented an image of the glorious Virgin Mary, of silver gilt, weighing 163 ounces, requesting that he might be remembered among the benefactors.—*fo.* 13*d.*

1487, Sept. 18.—Mr. William Smyth, LL.B., installed in the person of Mr. Thomas Overay, his proctor, in the provostship of the cathedral church and in the prebend of Combe XII, thereto annexed, vacant by the death of Mr. Richard Worthington, pursuant to mandate of Robert, bishop of Bath and Wells, sealed with the common seal of the college of Blessed Mary and St. George within the castle of Wyndesore.

Thomas Wade, the scribe of the said church [*sic*], swore on the Holy Gospels that he would keep secret the councils of the chapter and that he would not, for favour or gain, write the acts otherwise than truthfully.—*fo.* 14.

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1487, Oct. 1.—Collation to priories, chantries and offices :—

Master of the fabric : Stephenes—*fo.* 15.

Sub-Treasurer : Touker.

Tabular : Levman.

Communar : Menyman.

Keepers of the library : Austell, Vowell.

Scrutators of canonical houses : John Austell and John Hyll, canons.

Auditors : Mr. Thomas Overay, precentor (not on the nomination of the dean and chapter, but at the instance and request of the dean and chapter, he freely and voluntarily undertook the office) ; also Mr. William Bocat and Mr. John Hyll, by nomination and election of the dean and chapter.

Escheator : The vicars nominated Atwell, Pomeray and Bawdewyn ; the canons chose Bawdewyn.

Priors in the chapel of B.V.M. in the cathedral, of the bishop's collation : Touker, Sewarde, Clerke.

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Priors in St. Martin's chapel, of the bishop's collation : Gardner, Skynner.

To the four chantries at the altar of St. Nicholas in the new chapel, of the dean's collation, as he asserts ; the bishop being absent, the dean, for his right, nominated Lefman, Touker, Robyns and Wardor ; and Mr. Hugh Sugar, for the bishop's right and possession, nominated the same.

To the two chantries at the same altar, of the collation of the highest parson [*dignioris persone*] present in chapter, this turn by the dean : Combe and Stevens.

To another chantry at the same altar, worth 70*s.* a year, of the dean's collation : Huchons.

To two chantries at the altar of St. Mary Magdalene, each worth 27*s.* 8*d.*, of the sub-dean's collation : Norys and Morys.

To the third chantry at the same altar, worth 30*s.*, of the sub-dean's collation : Divided this year between John Menyman and Pomerey.

To the fourth chantry at the same altar, by payment of the Master of the Hospital at Bristol : Atwell.

To the chantry of Whithamstede and Alexander Bamefeld, of the sub-dean's collation : Bawdewyn.

To the chantry at the altar of St. Kalixtus for the soul of Peter de Cicestria, with a clerk, of the collation of the archdeacon of Wells : Northem ; Vasy, clerk.

To the chantry at the altar of St. Saviour, of the archdeacon of Taunton's collation, by proctor : Pomerey.

To the morning mass, of the chapter's collation : Clawsey.—*fo.* 15*d.*

To the two chantries of the altar of St. Edmund, founded for the soul of Richard Bamefelde, of the chapter's collation : Vacant this year.

To the chantry at the altar of St. Stephen, called Combe Chauntre, of the dean's collation : Aldyn.

To the chantry which Sir Thomas Chew lately obtained : Menyman.

Dom. Andrew Grantham perpetuated in his chantry.

1487, Oct. 2.—John Godarde, altarist, was warned to take the oath of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter, on pain of privation.

1487, Oct. 3.—William Capron and John Godarde, altarists, deprived for their contempt in refusing to take the oath of canonical obedience.

John Touker took the accustomed oath for the office of sub-treasurer, and the dean handed him the keys.—*fo.* 16.

Ordered that a yearly pension of 20*s.* be paid by the communar, during the chapter's pleasure, to that honest man, Humfrey Harvey, for his good service and counsel, past and to come.

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Henry Edyall admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of St. Decuman, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

Ordered that the escheator do pay 20*s*. to Thomas Fer, perpetual vicar, as a reward for his good service.

1487, Oct. 4.—John White admitted to the office of sacrist, on taking the accustomed oath of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter. He must take the first tonsure within six days, and, until he do so, he shall have no fees for installation of canons.—*fos.* 16, 16*d*.

William Capron and John Godard, who had been chosen and named as altarists of the cathedral church by Mr. Hugh Sugar, the treasurer, humbly submitted themselves to the dean and chapter and asked pardon for their manifest offences and rebellion, and obtained it ; each of them took the oath of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter, and was received by the dean among the altarists, and his habit was delivered to him.—*fo.* 16*d*.

1487, Oct. 5.—Henry Grendall, vicar choral, collated to the stall of the prebend of Ilton, now vacant. He had license to reside continually in his vicarage of Mertoke, and to be absent from the cathedral church until Easter next ; but before Palm Sunday he must come back and inform the dean and chapter if in the feast of Easter he intends to return to his stall or reside at his vicarage. He shall take nothing from the vicars' commons during the time of this license, but only the takings [*percepcione*] of his stall.

1487, Oct. 6.—Every canon then making actual residence is allowed 40 days of grace in complement of his residence.—*fo.* 17.

Edward Wyllughby admitted a canon and installed in person in the prebend of Wyvelescombe, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1487, Oct. 17.—Mr. John Standerwyke, notary public, appointed proctor of the dean and chapter to represent them ; in the presence of Mr. Hugh Sugar, the treasurer of the cathedral church and official of the episcopal council of Wells. —*fo.* 17*d*.

John Vowell admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe XV, on the resignation of Henry Ediall, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1487, Oct. 19.—Ralph Gardner, chaplain, admitted to the stall of the prebend of Litton, on the nomination of Mr. Hugh Sugar, treasurer, and prebendary of the said prebend.

In the matter of a dispute between the dean and chapter and Mr. Hugh Sugar, the treasurer, for cutting down, pollarding

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[*decapitacio*] and lopping [*shridicio*] of trees in the churchyard, for assigning graves for burials, and respecting lights in the church by the treasurer to be maintained and lighted, the dean and chapter, for the sake of peace, referred the whole question to Mr. Richard Lechfeld, LL.D., and Mr. — Jane, LL.D., giving them power to determine the same, under the supervision, if necessary, of Robert [Stillington], bishop of Bath and Wells.

William Chamberlane appointed messenger [*nuncius*] of the dean and chapter, and general and special agent [*gestor*] of their business, at a yearly fee of 20*s.* and one robe, with meat and drink with the canons resident, as an altarist, and taking 4*d.* a day for his expenses so often as he shall ride or walk on the business of the steward or any other residentiary. He took the oath of canonical obedience in these words: I shalbe faithfull and trew to the deane and chapitre and to this cathedrall churche of Welles, and as ferre as in me is, solicite and procure the worship and profecte of the same, and duely and trewly do and execute all and every thinge that I shalbe commaunde to do by the saide deane and chapitre, the stywarde [steward] or auditours of the accomptes of the said churche; and suche messages as I shalbe chargede or sent to do, I shal them well, feithfull and diligently do, as ferre as in my power is, and trew report make to suche as hathe sent me in any message, how I have sped in the same, not sparyng so to do for fere, favor, mede, desire or prayer of any person; and generally all thinges do that to a trew messager belongeth. So help me God and holy dome and by this boke.—*fo.* 18.

Thomas Overay, the precentor, William Bocat and John Vowell, canons, appointed agents [*gestores*] for the chapter's business before the king and the magnates [*principes*], and especially to act for [*ad procurandum*] and to labour for the bishop then in custody in the castle of Wyndesore. They were to be allowed the days of their absence for the whole time in complement of their residence, without cotidians.

1487, Oct. 20.—Mr. John Gunthorp, the dean, appointed proctor for the business of the chapter within the realm of England, and especially with the king and other magnates [*magnates*]; he shall be allowed his absence up to the nativity of St. John Baptist next, without cotidians. Copy of the deed of appointment.

1487, Oct. 27.—Thomas Coke admitted as an altarist, on the nomination of Hugh Sugar, the treasurer; he took the oath of corporal obedience, as William Capron and John Gogard [*sic*] took it.—*fo.* 18*d.*

1487-8, Jan. 2.—Mr. John Vowell, for his manifold labour about the business of the bishop, is allowed all days from

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Jan. 2 until Easter next in complement of his residence, without cotidians, on condition that he is continuously with the reverend father or on his business during that time of grace.—*fo.* 19.

The perpetual chantry at the altar of St. Edmund in the nave of the cathedral church, founded for the soul of Ralph Erghum, sometime bishop, is conferred on Mr. John Welmote, and he is admitted and instituted to the same, on taking the accustomed oath.

1487-8, Jan. 17.—John Manyman, vicar choral, presented to the perpetual vicarage of St. Cuthbert's, Wells, on the resignation of John Wansforde.

1487-8, Jan. 30.—John Stephenes admitted a canon, and installed in person in the prebend of North Cory, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1487-8, Feb. 1.—John Stephenes, canon of the cathedral church and prebendary of the prebend of North Cory, admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100 marks caution money.—*fo.* 19*d.*

1487-8, Feb. 5.—Stephen Clerke, perpetual vicar choral, admitted to the prebendal stall of Cliva, on the presentation of Humfrey, abbat, and the convent of the monastery of Blessed Mary of Cliva, John Stephyns, the last vicar of the same, having resigned.

1487-8, Feb. 16.—John Skynner, perpetual vicar, admitted to the stall of the prebend of Wyvelescomb, on the nomination of Mr. Edward Willoughby, prebendary of the prebend of Wyvelescomb.—*fo.* 20.

1487-8, Feb. 27.—Oliver Kynge admitted as canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe XI, on the death of Mr. Thomas Cowton, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

William Burton admitted as canon and installed in person in the prebend of Wedmore IV, on the death of Mr. John Baker, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1487-8, March 20.—John Seymour admitted as canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Eston in Gordano, on the resignation of Mr. William Smythe.

1488, April 2.—The venerable masters William Nykke, archdeacon of Wells, Richard Lichefelde, archdeacon of Bath, John Lascy and John Vowell, LL.D., canons residentiary, Masters William Chaunte, John Emlyne and John Rede, general proctors of the court of Canterbury, and John Manyman and Stephen Clerke, vicars choral, are appointed special proctors for all causes, suits, businesses or plaints of the dean and chapter.

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Ordered that the common seal be taken out of the chest in the treasury and handed in a sealed box to Thomas Overay, the precentor, for safe custody, the key to remain with the dean and in his absence with the president of the chapter.—*fo.* 20*d.*

Unanimously resolved to prosecute all causes, plaints and suits against Hugh Sugar, the treasurer, for withdrawing lights and for other injuries and grievances against the customs and statutes of the church.

Leave given to John Austell, canon residentiary, to bury his body, when his soul shall have fled from this light, in the chapel of Corpus Christi within the cathedral church. The like to John Wansforde, the sub-dean, when he shall have closed his last day, to be buried in the chapel of Blessed Mary Magdalene, Katherine and Margaret, on the south side of the cathedral.

John Stevens, canon, allowed 40 days of grace in complement of his residence, to be taken as he shall please before Michaelmas next ; without cotidians.

John Lascy, canon residentiary, appointed special proctor of the dean and chapter ; with cotidians for the time of his absence. John Vowell appointed proctor with Lascy ; to be allowed all the time of his absence, without cotidians.

1488, April 15.—Examination of Richard Huchons, John Manyman, John Lefeman, John Comb and Andrew Grantham, vicars choral, upon certain articles concerning the office of treasurer.

1488, April 17.—John Pomefeld, chaplain, collated to one of the four chantries for the soul of Nicholas Bubbwith, sometime bishop, on the resignation of Edmund Popeley.—*fo.* 21.

General release and quitclaim from the chapter to dean Gunthorpe.

1488, May 2.—John Stevens presented to the vicarage of the church of North Cory.

1488, May 5.—William Cockes admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe V.—*fo.* 21*d.*

1488, May 21.—William Smythe admitted to the office of provost of the cathedral church and received as a canon, and installed in person in the prebend of Combe XII, annexed to the office of provost.

1488, May 17.—John Genyn admitted a perpetual vicar ; the vicars deposed to his ability, according to custom ; he must render *corde tenus* the last part of the psalter with the hymnary [*cum ympnario*] before Easter next, under pain of being deprived of his habit.

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1488, June 28.—Robert Balif admitted as a non-perpetual vicar ; the vicars deposed to his ability.

1488, July 8.—Simon Everton admitted a perpetual vicar ; the vicars deposed to his ability.

Robert Whyte, late a chorister, admitted a non-perpetual vicar, and assigned to the stall of the prebend of Combe II.—*fo.* 22.

John Fox, vicar choral, admitted to the stall of the prebend of Litton, on the nomination of Hugh Sugar, prebendary of that prebend.

1488, July 14.—John Tele appointed chaplain of the hospital of St. Saviour, Blessed Mary the Virgin and All Saints near St. Cuthbert's, Wells, on the resignation of William Corbet.

1488, July 29.—William Baron and Richard Adyshcote [Asshcote, in margin], admitted as non-perpetual vicars.

1488, Aug. 23.—John Norys admitted a perpetual vicar.—*fo.* 22*d.*

1488, Sept. 26.—J. Bele of Martoke appointed clerk to the steward of the cathedral, during pleasure, with the accustomed fees.

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1488, Feast of St. Jerome, Sept. 30.—Collation to priories, chantries and offices :—

Priors in the chapel of Blessed Mary the Virgin within the cathedral, of the bishop's collation : Clerk, Fox and Morys.

Priors in St. Martin's chapel, of the bishop's collation : Seward and Gyles.

To four chantries at the altar of St. Nicholas in the chapel of B.V.M. near the cloister [*juxta claustrum*], of the collation of the bishop, the dean or the archdeacon of Wells, whichever of them chances to be present ; this year the dean, being present, collated these : Wardour, Garner, Skynner and Lefman.

To two chantries at the same altar, of the collation of the highest parson [*dignioris persone*] present at the chapter, this year the dean : Combe and Touker.

To another chantry at the same altar, worth 70*s.* yearly, of the dean's collation : Huchons.

To two chantries at the altar of St. Mary Magdalene, each worth 26*s.* 8*d.* yearly, of the sub-dean's collation : Norys ; the other is vacant.

To the third chantry at the same altar, worth 30*s.* yearly, paid by Staverdale, of the sub-dean's collation : Divided between Thomas Fere and Richard Hert.

To the fourth chantry at the same altar, of the sub-dean's collation, of the like value, paid by the master of St. John's Hospital, Bristol : Atwell.—*fo.* 23.

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To the chantry of Whithamstede and Alexander Bamfeld, of the sub-dean's collation : Bawdwyn.

To the chantry at the altar of St. Kalixtus for the soul of Peter de Cicestria, with a clerk, of the archdeacon of Wells' collation, this year by his proctor : Northern ; Vasy, clerk.

To the chantry at the altar of St. Saviour of the archdeacon of Taunton's collation : Pomerey.

To the morning mass, of the chapter's collation, in the absence of the succentor : Clawsay.

To two chantries at the altar of St. Edmund, for the soul of Richard Bamefeld, of the chapter's collation : Robyns.

To the chantry at the altar of St. Stephen, called Combe Chantrie, of the dean's collation : Aleyn.

To the chantry which Sir Thomas Chewe lately obtained : Menyman.

Dom. Andrew Grantham is perpetuated in his chantry by the bishop.

Master of the fabric : Pomerey, taking the accustomed oath.

Sub-treasurer : Touker, who received the keys of the treasury from the dean, first taking the accustomed oath.

Communar : Menyman.

Escheator : the vicars named Aleyn, Pomerey and Bawdwyn ; the canons chose Bawdwyn, taking the accustomed oath.

Auditors : Thomas Overay, the precentor (at the special request of the dean and chapter), John Hyll and John Stevens.

1488, Oct. 1.—The perpetual vicars were warned to keep diligently and faithfully the statutes and ordinances of their chantries.

John White, the sacrist, was warned that he must pass the night [*pernoctare*] in the cathedral church, according to custom and statute, which he promised to do in future.—*fo.* 23*d.*

James Grenehalgh admitted master of the schools, on the nomination of Robert Wilson, the chancellor ; he was assigned a vicarial habit and a stall in the choir, with all other emoluments anciently belonging to that office ; he took the oath of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter.

Andrew Grantham, vicar choral, has license not to come to matins in the night time [*licenciam de non veniendo tempore noctorno ad horas matutinales*].

1488, Oct. 10.—John Hyll, canon, deputed to inspect and survey all jewels, vestments and ornaments belonging to the chantry founded for the soul of Thomas Bekyngton, of pious memory, sometime bishop.—*fo.* 24.

John Stevens, canon, to inspect and survey all jewels and ornaments belonging to the chantry of Nicholas Bubbwith.

Thomas Sewell, chaplain, appointed to the chantry of St. Saviour, the B.V.M. and all the elect of God, at the altar of Holy Cross in the north part of the church.

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It was decided to proceed with the causes against Hugh Sugar, the treasurer, for subtracting certain lights within the cathedral, which ought to be sustained by him by reason of his office, and for other injuries and grievances done by him to the dean and chapter.

John Vowell appointed proctor for the dean and chapter, to act before the king and his officers as to the renewal and confirmation of certain charters, etc. All his days of absence shall be allowed him, including going to London and returning, but without cotidians.

1488, Oct. 24.—Each canon then making actual residence to have 40 days of grace, in complement of his residence, without cotidians ; each canon may use his grace as he pleases up to Michaelmas next.—*fo.* 24*d.*

John Pope, chaplain, collated to one of the four chantries for the soul of Nicholas Bubbwith, late bishop, on the resignation of John Pomefeld.

Dean Gunthorpe appointed proctor for certain special business before the king and the magnates, for defence of the rights, etc. of the chapter ; he shall be allowed his necessary absence up to the nativity of St. John Baptist next, without cotidians.

1488, Oct. 24.—Ordinance for the anniversary of Master Thomas Hope, late canon of this church, for 30 years next to come, on the morrow of the chair of St. Peter the apostle unless that feast fall on a Saturday, in which case the anniversary shall be celebrated on the second feria, etc. For this the dean and chapter are to receive 40*l.* from John, archbishop of Canterbury, and have given a bond to forfeit 40*s.* for every default that shall be made.—*fo.* 25.

1488, pridie Kal. Novembris.—Thomas Legate admitted an altarist, on the nomination of Hugh Sugar, the treasurer.

1488, Dec. 4.—All suits and controversies between the dean and chapter and prior and convent of Montagow [*de Monte acuto*, margin] shall be referred to the arbitrament of two or four trustworthy men, skilled in law, to be chosen by the dean and the prior.

1488–9, Feb. 7.—John Offcombe admitted a non-perpetual vicar.

1489, pridie Kal. Aprilis.—The dean delivered up 25 charters and evidences belonging to the cathedral, which he lately had at London for the confirmation thereof, together with a charter of confirmation of Henry VII and an exemplification of the same.

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The dean delivered to John Manyman, the communar, 39*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* for the anniversary of Master Thomas Hope.—*fo.* 25*d.*

1489, May 29.—Walter Knyghtley, canon of the cathedral, by John Manyman his proctor, admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100 marks caution money.

1489, May 29.—Oliver Denham admitted as canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Lutton, on the death of Hugh Sugar.—*fo.* 26.

1489, May 30.—Ordered that a chamber at the end of the nave, occupied by Hugh Sugar while he lived, be used to keep the evidences and muniments of the church in; the master of the fabric to provide for the same forthwith.—*fo.* 25*d.*

Ordered that Thomas Overay, precentor, John Wansforde, sub-dean, John Austell and William Bocat, canons, do survey all treasure, jewels and ornaments in the treasury, and cause to be made indentures thereof between the dean and chapter of the one part and the sub-treasurer of the other part.

John Orcharde, chaplain at the chantry of St. Saviour, B.V.M. and all the elect of God, admitted to the altar of Holy Cross in the north part of the cathedral, on the dean's presentation.

1489, June 9.—William Brereton admitted as canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Dultyngcote, on the death of Henry Sherpe.—*fo.* 26.

1489, June 22.—Mr. William Bocat, canon residentiary, in the name of the executors of Hugh Sugar, late treasurer, prayed for leave to take down and remove the wooden chapel in the nave, and to rebuild the same. The dean and chapter gave leave.

1489, June 28.—Robert Balif admitted a perpetual vicar.

1489, July 8.—Robert White admitted a perpetual vicar.

1489, July 29.—William Baron and Richard Asshcote admitted perpetual vicars.

1489, Sept. 7.—Canons John Austell, John Hyll and John Stevens, to survey and inspect all treasure, ornaments and jewels in the treasury, and to make new indentures thereof with the sub-treasurer.—*fo.* 26*d.*

Ordered that two wax candles ought to burn on the screen [*in pulpito*], as by ancient custom they used to do; and that the stone lantern lately made by Hugh Sugar be destroyed and removed, which the clerk of the fabric was ordered to do.

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Ordered that the master of the fabric shall provide for inclosing the grave-yard [*pro clausura cimiterii*], and shall have the ordering and keeping of the herbage and trees therein; and the master or clerk of the fabric, with the authority of the dean and chapter, shall assign a convenient burial-ground for the vicars choral and all minor ministers of the church, and the families and servants of all canons, canons only excepted.

Canons Bocat and Vowell to inspect all rolls of accounts of the reeves of Cory, for the fishings there.

1489, Sept. 10.—William Walton appointed principal apparitor for life, pursuant to letters patent of the bishop, sealed with the seal of Richard, bishop of Exeter, at the special request of the bishop of Bath and Wells, who also sent, by Edmund Mill, his beloved servant, letters of credence, as follows :—

Maister Dean,

I recommaunde me unto you. And for sueh besinesse as I have now in hand about thies ambassadoures and other maters, I may not at this tyme write unto you my mynde at large in all maters. Wherfore I hertly pray you that in suche thinges as I have commaunded my welbeloved servaunt, Edmunde Mill, this berer, to shewe unto you on my behalve, ye will yeve unto hym therin as moche feith and credence as if I spake personally wit you my selve. And here after, at better leiser, I shall write unto you.

Your lovyng broder,

R. Exoniensis.

1489, Sept. 18.—Hugh Vowlez and John Jenyns, perpetual vicars, warned that they must take holy orders the next time that orders are conferred, under penalty of the statutes in that behalf.—*fo.* 27.

Thomas Harreys, the treasurer, took the accustomed oaths.

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1489, St. Jerome's day, Sept. 30.—Collation to the priories, chantries and offices, similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 27*d.*

Master of the fabric : Pomeray.

Sub-treasurer : Touker.

Tabular : Lefman.

Communar : Menyman.

Escheator : the vicars named Bawdwyn, Atwell and Aleyn ; the canons chose Bawdwyn.

Auditors : Vowell, Hyll and Stevens.—*fo.* 28.

Scrutators of canonical houses and surveyors of all ruinous places in every part of the cathedral church : Bocat and Stevens.

Keepers of the library : Austell and Vowell.

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Masters John Austell, John Hyll and John Stevens deputed to survey all jewels, vestments and ornaments belonging to the chantries of bishop Thomas Bekynton and bishop Nicholas Bubbwith, and all other chantries, as well perpetual as for single years on the feast of St. Jerome.

Walter Knyghtley, canon, is allowed all days of grace from St. Jerome to the Purification, in complement of his residence, without cotidians.

All other canons then actually resident granted 40 days each, without cotidians.

1489, Oct. 2.—John White, the sacrist, warned to ring the bell at mass and other canonical hours, both day and night, longer than he has been wont to do; also to sleep in the cathedral church, according to custom and statute; also that whereas he had contracted matrimony with some woman, the matrimony between them must be solemnly performed before St. Andrew's day, under pain of privation of his habit. —*fo.* 28*d.*

The altarists are warned that each of them must be daily in his habit before the beginning of the mass of St. Mary in the chapel of the same, and that each of them continue until the end of the high mass in the choir; and in the same way at the time of vespers.

1489, Oct. 3.—The vicars choral are warned that they must be present at divine service in the choir as well by day as by night; they must not leave the choir wandering about in the church, until all masses and hours are fully ended; each of them must be decently clad in honest clothes and habits, and must have his ears showing [*aures patentes*] and not covered by his hair; they must observe the statutes and ordinances of the chantries to which they are nominated on St. Jerome's day and admitted for the following year, according to custom, diligently and faithfully according to each man's conscience.

1489, Oct. 17.—John Gunthorpe, dean, appointed proctor for the chapter in the suits and controversies with the prior of Montacute, and for all other business before the king and the magnates, and is allowed his absence until the nativity of St. John Baptist next, without cotidians.—*fo.* 28.

1489, Oct. 17.—John Vowell, canon residentiary, appointed proctor to appear in the cathedral church of St. Paul, London, before John [Morton], archbishop of Canterbury, at the convocation of prelates and clergy; he shall be allowed the days of his absence, including going and returning, in complement of his residence, without cotidians.—*fo.* 28*d.*

1489, Nov. 5.—John Atya, chaplain, appointed to the chantry of St. Saviour, B.V.M. and all the elect of God, at the

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altar of Holy Cross in the north of the cathedral, founded for the soul of John Storthwayte, vacant by the resignation of John Orchard.—*fo.* 29.

1489, Dec. 1.—John Sampson admitted a non-perpetual vicar-choral, for one year.

1489, Dec. 19.—Thomas Harries, the treasurer, appointed a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Estharptre.

1489–90, Jan. 11.—The business of the newly-built mill within the lordship of Northcory was considered.—*fo.* 29*d.*

1489–90, Jan. 13.—John Stevens, canon, and John Bawdwyn, vicar-choral, the escheator, were appointed to survey all tenements within the city of Wells and elsewhere in Wells forum, belonging to the church, and to make a new rental.

Ordered that William Chameberlane, the general messenger [*nuncius*], do ride to the prior of Barliche for moneys due and rent in arrear.

John Menyman, the communar, to pay to Master John Blackdon, the administrator of the goods of Masters John Riche, late canon residentiary, and of William Childe, his executor, 30*l.* due on a bond from the dean and chapter to John Riche.

1489–90, Jan. 15.—Mr. William Bocat, steward of the church, to ride to the manor of Northcory to confer with the counsel of the prior [*cum consilio prioris*] of Monte Acuto as to the controversies between them concerning the newly-built mill, the fishery of the waters there, and other matters.

1489–90, Jan. 16.—John Pope, *annuellarius* and chaplain of one of the four chantries founded for the soul of Nicholas Bubbwith, was charged with adultery with Margery Andrews, whom he often had at night in his chamber within the college, and by whom he had issue. He confessed; and the dean pronounced sentence, that the said John, on Sunday next, should carry a wax candle of ½*lb.*, with bare head and feet, clad in his surplice, before the procession in the church, and when the procession had entered the choir the said John was to stand in his stall, in the like form, until the end of mass, saying the seven penitential psalms, and at the time of the offertory he should offer the wax to St. Andrew. John utterly refused to do this. For his manifest contempt and rebellion he was deprived of his habit and chantry; he voluntarily gave up the keys of the chantry.—*fo.* 30.

1489–90, Jan. 25.—John Gravesby, chaplain, appointed to the chantry now vacant by the dismissal of John Pope.

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1489–90, March 13.—John Vowell, being in London on the business of the church, was granted 24 days additional, in complement of his residence, without cotidians.—*fo.* 30*d.*

1490, April 20.—Mr. Hugh Oldam, proctor of Mr. William Smythe, provost of the cathedral church, came and delivered a bond to secure the repayment to the dean and chapter of 30*l.* for the use of his successors, provosts, whenever he shall resign or be removed by death or other cause; according to the ordinance of Mr. Richard Swan, late provost, from whose executors the said William Smythe received the 30*l.* Witnesses: Christofer Norys, M.A., Robert Pemberton, *in decretis bacallario*, and Thomas Wade, notary public and scribe of the acts.

1490, May 5.—Ratification of all days of grace granted to Mr. Thomas Harreys, the treasurer, viz: from Feb. 1 to June 1, and grant of a further two months, viz: to Aug. 1, without cotidians.

1490, May 20.—Robert Sherborn admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Bynagre.—*fo.* 31.

1490, June 12.—John Skynner, vicar choral, charged with often going out of the town to his benefice, without leave, contrary to the statute, and that when he came to the town he was wont to sleep at the house of a woman named Maude Practon, outside the close of the vicars choral. He could not answer well, and was deprived of his habit.

1490, June 18.—Walter Knightley granted days of grace from June 18 to Aug. 14 inclusive, beyond the days formerly granted him, *sine fructu.*

1490, July 3.—Thomas Harreis, treasurer, granted all days from July 3 to nativity B.V.M., *sine fructu.*

Robert Froste admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe XIII.

1490, July 12.—Oliver King, by Richard Walby, his proctor, installed as archdeacon of Taunton.—*fo.* 31*d.*

1490, Aug. 9.—William Smythe admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe XI.

1490, Sept. 8.—Further days of grace up to Michaelmas next granted to Thomas Harreys, the treasurer.

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1490, St. Jerome's day, Sept. 30.—Collation to priories and chantries, similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 32.

Andrew Grantham is perpetuated in his chantry.

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Master of the fabric : Richard Pomeray.

Sub-treasurer : John Touker.

Tabular : Lefman.

Communar : Menyman.

Escheator : Bawdewyn, Seward and Clawsay named by the vicars ; John Bawdewyn chosen by the canons.

Auditors : Vowell, Stevens and Knyghtley.—*fo.* 32*d.*

Scrutators of canonical houses : Hyll and Stevens.

Keepers of the library : Austell and Knyghtley.

Ordered that the third part of all fruits, rent and income of the prebend of Dultingcote, due to the executors of the will of Mr. Henry Sharpe, prebendary of the same, lately deceased, for the year next after his death for the good of his soul, shall wholly remain for the use and benefit of the cathedral church, for the repair and renewal of vestments and other ornaments at the yearly chantries on the feast of St. Jerome.

1490, Oct. 1.—Every canon then making actual residence to have 40 days of grace, without cotidians, in complement of his residence for this year ; not to apply to any future new canons.

Austell and Stevens, canons residentiary, to survey all jewels, chalices, vestments and ornaments belonging to the chantries of Thomas Bekyngton and Nicholas Bubbwith sometime bishops, and to all chantries, perpetual or yearly at St. Jeronimus' day, both in the cathedral and in the chapel of B.M. near the cloister, and to provide for the repair of the same.—*fo.* 33.

1490, Oct. 23.—William Stokes admitted an altarist, on the nomination of Thomas Harries, the treasurer ; he took the oath of canonical obedience and was given his habit and keys.

William Atwodde, freemason, for his good service in his art to God, the church of Blessed Andrew, and the dean and chapter, was granted the same office that William Smythe, also freemason, late had in the cathedral church, together with a yearly pension of 26*s.* 8*d.* ; he must have his place or dwelling house within the city of Wells, and must faithfully do what may be required, before overything else and without excuse.

1490, Nov. 3.—John Austell and William Bocat appointed to supervise three writers to write and register in a book all evidences and muniments belonging to the cathedral church ; also to survey all vestments and ornaments as well in the treasury as in the chantries, and to provide for amendment where required.—*fo.* 33*d.*

A yearly pension of 20*s.* granted to the honest man, Thomas Champneys, for his good service and discreet counsel.

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1490, Dec. 1.—John Sampson admitted a perpetual vicar.

William Baron, vicar choral, having been intitled to rule [*ad regendum*] the choir on the feast of St. Andrew the apostle, neglected to do that office, either by himself or another, at matins on the said feast day, to the great scandal of the church and the evil example of the other vicars ; he was suspended for a month from wearing his habit [*a delatione habitus*] and from receiving commons.—*fo.* 34.

1490–1, Jan. 7.—Order as to vacant prebends : On the vacation of any prebends by the death of any prebendaries, one third part of the fruits of the same, which by the statutes and customs of the cathedral ought for one whole year to belong to [? the deceased canons], if not claimed within the year in which they die, shall be converted to the use of the cathedral for the souls of those so deceased.

John Gunthorpe, dean, appointed agent and proctor of the chapter for all business before the king and magnates of the realm ; he shall be allowed his time of absence to the nativity of St. John Baptist next, without cotidians.

1490–1, *Pridie kal. Marcii.*—Walter Knightly allowed 40 days up to Michaelmas, beyond the 40 days given to every canon, without cotidians.—*fo.* 34*d.*

1491, April 9.—Thomas Haries, treasurer, in consideration of certain business at London, allowed 60 days, beyond the 40 days first granted to him, without cotidians.

1491, April 13.—John Chenay admitted a non-perpetual vicar for one year.

1491, May 15.—In the great parlour within the dean's house, Thomas, bishop of Tine [*episcopus Tinensis*], prayed leave to perform the office at the burial of Robert, late bishop of Bath and Wells ; which leave was granted, without prejudice to the statutes and customs of the cathedral.

1491, May 28.—Ordered that the vacancy in the see of Wells and Bath be announced to the prior and convent of Bath.—*fo.* 35.

1491, June 9.—Ordered that the prior and convent of Bath be notified that proctors for each chapter should be at Fernton on June 14, to provide proctors to go to the king for license to elect a new bishop ; William Bocat and John Vowell were appointed for Wells, to go to Fernton ; John Gunthorpe, dean, and William Bocat were appointed to go with the Bath proctors to the king.

Richard Lichefeld, archdeacon of Bath, William Bocat, Walter Knightlay and Richard Nykke, canons, appointed proctors for the convocation at London.

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1491, June 20.—William Wykes, abbat of Mychelnay, admitted a canon and installed in person in the prebend of Ilmyster.—*fo.* 35*d.*

1491, July 2.—Walter Knightley allowed to be absent until the assumption B.V.M., *sine fructu.*

1491, July 18.—John Broghing admitted a non-perpetual vicar, and assigned to the stall of the prebend of Combe III.

1491, pridie kal. Aug.—John Nelle, the like, and assigned to the stall of the prebend of Combe XIII.

1491, Aug. 2.—Simon Lane, the like, and assigned to the stall of the prebend of Wanstre.

Memorandum that John Gunthorpe, the dean, with the consent of his co-brothers, delivered to King Henry VII a missal, late belonging to Thomas Bekyngton, sometime bishop of Bath and Wells, in exchange for another missal delivered to them by the king's orders.

1491, Sept. 23.—William Chokke, canon residentiary, was charged with the crime of adultery with Agnes Meryke, wife of John Richard, to the grave scandal of the church. He denied it. Ordered that he must purge himself on the morrow, with six priestly compurgators [*sexto manu sacerdotali*], of whom [the priests] 3 are canons and 3 vicars choral, honest, discreet and trustworthy. He appeared the next day, and failed in his purgation. He was admonished, and took his corporal oath on the Gospels to amend. He humbly submitted, and swore to pay 10*l.* to the fabric of the church if he were charged with any incontinence in future and should be unable to purge himself, 15*l.* for the second offence and 20*l.* the third time, and after the third conviction deprivation of his canonry. He was sentenced to absent himself from the church and city of Wells for two years, taking nothing for great commons nor cotidians, nor other emoluments of the church, unless after the first year he should obtain the special grace of the chapter to come back. All [? his] emoluments to go to the fabric or for the repair of ornaments.

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Accounts of John Menyman, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1490, to Michaelmas, 1491.

Receipts.

Rents of assize, several tenements being ruinous	7*l.*	16*s.*	8*d.*
Received of Knappe mills	4*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*

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Expenses.

Paid the dean and canons residentiary for Bekenton mass, 4*d.* daily	6*l.*	1*s.*	8*d.*
5*lbs.* of wax on his anniversary		2*s.*	8*d.*
12½*lbs.* of wax for mass through the year		8*s.*	0*d.*
the communar for paying the said mass		6*s.*	8*d.*
Repairing the way near the new work in Chamberlain St. against the king's coming			8*d.*
Procurations for Modeford at the archbishop's visitation		2*s.*	8*d.*
Expenses of the steward in riding towards the king's majesty, &c.		16*s.*	7*d.*
Expenses at Faryngdon for communications with the prior of Bath about electing the bishop		4*s.*	3*d.*
King's tenth	35*l.*	18*s.*	7½*d.*
Distributed among 12 canons	143*l.*	2*s.*	8¾*d.*
Paid for 2 torches weighing 64½*lbs.*, with making	1*l.*	1*s.*	6*d.*
repair of Paxbread			8*d.*
repair of a chalice for the altar of St. John		1*s.*	0*d.*
binding a gradual in the choir		3*s.*	0*d.*
binding *Legenda*		3*s.*	0*d.*
binding a collectary			5*d.*
morning censers		1*s.*	0*d.*
binding a library book		2*s.*	0*d.*
and a gradual in the choir		1*s.*	10*d.*
Removing the great organ from St. Mary's chapel to the choir			4*d.*
Writing divers evidences and parchment for same	2*l.*	16*s.*	8*d.*
BARLYCH. Paid for a paper missal for the altar of St. Nicholas by the cloister ..	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

Note. 24 Jan. 1667.—This parchment shewed to N. Dowthwaite, gent., &c., as before, *ante*, *p.* 98.

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ACCOUNTS of JOHN BALDWYN, the ESCHEATOR, from MICHAELMAS, 1490, to MICHAELMAS, 1491.

Receipts.

Oblation of the Rev. Father and Lord in Christ, archbishop John Moreton		3*s.*	4*d.*
Oblation of the most Christian and most illustrious prince King Henry VII, on three occasions	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

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Oblation on the day of the burial of bishop Styllington		4*s.*	0½*d.*
A Pontifical ring, the said bishop's mortuary	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Obits: Christmas term.—Thomas Hoope, third year	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d*
Lady Day term.—Edward IV, late King of England, from houses near the High Cross, wherein dwell John Wynt and John Watkyn	1*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Hugh Sugar, this first year	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
John Barnard, this first year	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
John Ryche, from a close held by Mr. William Chocke	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Vacant prebends: Combe XIII, by the death of Mr. John Pryston	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Milverton I, by the death of Mr. Richard Lamporte	20*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Defects of rent: For the schoolhouse in Mortre lane, vacant the whole year ..		6*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

Paid to 38 persons from Combe XIII	3*l.*	11*s.*	1½*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	15*s.*	2½*d.*
To 38 persons from Milverton I	13*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
deceased's portion	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
escheator's expenses		6*s.*	8*d.*
Obits: Lady Day term.—Exequies of Edward IV, to 39 persons at dirige with altarist and chorister		10*s.*	3*d.*
at mass		10*s.*	3*d.*
exequies of Hugh Sugar, this first year, to 39 persons at dirige with altarist and chorister		13*s.*	8*d.*
at mass		10*s.*	3*d.*
exequies of John Ryche, to 42 persons, with altarist and chorister, at dirige.		11*s.*	0*d.*
at mass		7*s.*	4*d.*
exequies of John Barnard, to 39 persons, with altarist and chorister, at dirige ..		10*s.*	3*d.*
at mass		6*s.*	10*d.*
Midsummer term.—Exequies of Mr. Richard Worthington, to 45 persons, with altarist and chorister		15*s.*	8*d.*
at mass		15*s.*	8*d.*
Necessary expenses: the sacrist for the bell at the exequies of King Edward IV ..			4*d.*
and of Mr. R. Worthington and for wax		1*s.*	4*d.*

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1491, St. Jeronimus, Sept. 30.—Collation of priors, cantarists, etc., similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 36*d.*

Master of the fabric : Pomeray.

Sub-treasurer : Touker.

Tabular : Lefman.

Communar : Aleyn.

Escheator : by the vicars, Bawdewyn, Aleyne and Clavelsay ; by the canons, Bawdewyn.

Auditors : Harries, Vowell and Stevens.

Scrutators of canonical houses : Stevens and Austell.

Keepers of the library : Austell and Vowell.

Auditors for the choristers : Bocat and the precentor.

John Bawdewyn was sworn as escheator and handed the keys of his office.—*fo.* 37.

1491, Oct. 1.—John Austell and John Stevens, canons, appointed to inspect all jewels, chalices, vestments and ornaments belonging to the chantries of Bekyngton and Bubbwith.

Each canon actually in residence granted 40 days, without cotidians, to be taken at pleasure before Michaelmas next.

John Bawdewyn suspended from his habit for a month, and from all emoluments, for contempt and disobedience. He was restored on his humble submission.

1491, Oct. 4.—On the king's mandate, *sede vacante*,* William Bocat was installed in person as sub-dean and parson of Woky.

Order to sequester all fruits, rents and income of the priory of Barlich for non-payment of the pension due to the cathedral church.

1491, Oct. 20.—John Gunthorpe, the dean, appointed the special agent of the chapter, to conduct certain business before the king and the magnates ; he is to be allowed his absence up to the Nativity of St. John Baptist next, without cotidians. —*fo.* 37*d.*

1491, *pridie Kal.* Nov.—Richard Lewys admitted as an altarist, on the nomination of Thomas Harries, the treasurer ; he took the oath of canonical obedience, and the keys and habit of his office were handed to him.

1491–2, Feb. penult.—John Vowell, canon residentiary, proctor for Richard Nykke, LL.D., canon, and prebendary of Yatton, declared his intention of residing [*protestatus est de residendo*] in the said church according to the statutes and customs, and prayed that his principal [*dominus*] might be admitted a canon residentiary, and deposited for him the caution money

* Bishop Stillington died in May, 1491 ; Richard Fox was appointed in Feb., 1492.

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of 100 marks. He was admitted in the person of his proctor, and collated to the canonical house where William Chokke late lived, and was granted a close adjoining the said house at the accustomed rent.—*fo.* 37*d.*

Richard Nykke was granted 40 days of grace in complement of his residence this year, to be taken at his pleasure before Michaelmas, without cotidians.—*fo.* 38.

1492, April 2.—A further 40 days of grace granted to him, *sine fructu.*

William Northern, vicar choral, on account of his old age and weakness of body, and especially because he is often confessor for the greater part of the canons, is granted license not to come to matins in the night time [*ad horas matutinales tempore nocturno*]; nevertheless he may share in the moneys, notwithstanding the statutes.

1492, April 21.—Resolved that all fruits arising from the vicarage of the parish church of Wedmore, as well to Roger Jannys [?], late vicar, before his death, as to the dean and chapter by reason of the vacancy, shall be received by John Ustwhate, and kept until it be known what belongs of right to the said Roger and his executors; and, when divided, one half of the dean and chapter's share shall remain for the use of the future vicar towards sustaining the burdens of the vicarage, but the expenses of the time of vacation shall be deducted from the whole fruits.

1492, May 16.—John Aleyn, vicar choral, presented to the perpetual vicarage of the church of Lydeard Episcopi.

Walter Knightley allowed 20 days of grace towards his residence, etc.

1492, *pridie Kal.* July.—Nicholas Halswell, M.D., admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Wedmore III, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 38*d.*

1492, July 18.—John Broghyng admitted a perpetual vicar choral.

1492, Aug. 2.—Simon Lane, priest, admitted a perpetual vicar choral.

1492, Sept. 4.—Richard Nykke granted 20 days of grace further.

1492, Sept. —.—Confirmed letters patent of the bishop, appointing Edmund Mylle to the office of receiver and surveyor of the see of Bath, for life.

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1492, St. Jerome's Day, Sept. 30.—Collation of priors, altarists, etc., similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 39*d.*

Master of the fabric : Pomeray.

Sub-treasurer : Touker.

Tabular : Lefman.

Communar : Manyman.

Escheator : by the vicars, Seward, Clawsay and Bawdewyn ; by the canons, Clawsay.

Auditors : Bocat, Stevens and Nykke.

Scrutators of canonical houses : Nykke and Stevens.

Keepers of the library : Austell and Vowell.

William Bocat and John Stevens appointed to survey all ornaments of the chantries within the cathedral church and the chapel of Blessed Mary.

1492, Oct. 2.—John Lefman, the tabular, sworn to fulfill his office well and faithfully ; and also diligently to note all vicars coming to matins at night and leaving the choir before the end, and on Saturdays, at the reading of the table, he will notify the dean, sub-dean or president of the chapter thereof, that they may be corrected.—*fo.* 40.

Robert Lewys admitted an altarist ; he took the accustomed oath of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter and swore to observe the statutes, ordinances and customs of the cathedral church.

Every existing canon residentiary, whether present or not, proposing to make actual residence in the year following, may have 50 days of grace in complement of his residence, to be used at pleasure before Michaelmas next, without cotidians.

John Gunthorpe, the dean, appointed special proctor of the chapter for certain business before the king and the magnates of the realm, and is to be allowed his absence until the nativity of St. John Baptist next, without cotidians.—*fo.* 40*d.*

1492, Oct. 9.—All the vicars choral appeared. They had lately asserted that each vicar who was present at matins five times in a week ought by ancient custom to receive his whole commons for that week. They submitted to the dean and chapter, humbly asked pardon and were received into favour on renouncing that opinion.

1492, Nov. 24.—Thomas Harries, the treasurer, allowed 50 days in complement of his residence, *sine fructu*, beyond the grace already granted him ; to be taken at his pleasure, before Michaelmas.—*fo.* 41.

1492–3, March 7.—Simon Lane, chaplain and vicar choral, was charged with adultery with the daughter of William Welmote, burgess of Wells ; he admitted it. He must go

before the procession on Sunday next, March 10, with bare feet and head, with his surplice only over his gown, with a wax taper in his hand, in the manner of a penitent, and at the finish of the procession he must offer the taper at the image of St. Andrew standing near the high altar ; he is also suspended from his habit for 6 months, and in the meantime shall take nothing for vicars' commons nor for any other emoluments as vicar. Afterwards the processional part was remitted.

1492–3, March 9.—A general release granted to Dean Gunthorpe.—*fo.* 41*d.*

1493, April 4.—One month granted to Richard Nykke in complement of his residence, with cotidians if he shall be absent on the business of the church to be done by him with the lord bishop ; and especially that mandates for the induction of archdeacons, provosts, and other dignitaries, obtaining prebends annexed to them, should henceforward be directed and committed to the dean or sub-dean, or in their absence to the president of the church [*sic*], as was wont to be by the laudable customs and statutes of the said church.

Ordered that letters missive to the bishop touching the aforesaid business and the reform thereof be issued under the seal *ad causas*.

1493, April 13.—Ordered that a charter be sealed with the common seal to Edmund Mille, gent., and Anne his wife, of certain lands within the lordship of Welles.

Confirmation of a writing of the manor of Compton Bishop, co. Berks, to John Morcote for life ; also letters patent of Bathe Inne or the hostel [*hospicium*] of the lord of Bath without Temple Bar, London, to the same John Morcote and his partner [*socius*], for their lives and that of the survivor.

1493, April 19.—William Boket, sub-dean, installed in the prebend of Whitelakyngton, on the death of John Lascy.—*fo.* 42.

1493, April 22.—John Manyman admitted a canon and installed in person in the prebend of Dynre, on the resignation of Henry Pavy.

1493, April 30.—Master John Retforde, S.T.B., admitted a canon and installed in person in the prebend of Combe VIII, on the death of John Taillour ; pursuant to the mandate of Richard, bishop of Bath and Wells.

1493, *prid. Kal.* May.—On the like mandate, Master Peter Caresleigh admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Shalford otherwise Scanford, on the resignation of William Boket.

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On the like mandate, Master Ralph Lepton admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Aysshill, on the death of Sir John Wansford, the last possessor.

1493, May 3.—Confirmed and sealed a grant from the bishop of certain lands late in the tenure of Beatrice Daubarichcourt in Carselade, to Edmund Mille and his wife for their lives.—*fo.* 42*d.*

Confirmed and sealed grants from the bishop of the offices of bailiff of the liberty and bailiff of the city of Wells, to William Fulforde, esq., for life; and of keeper of Dogmersfeld park to John Blackford for life.

1493, May 22.—John Menyman, canon, admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100 marks caution money.

1493, May 30.—Master Walter Knightlay, canon, has absented himself from the church since Michaelmas last, and has not begun his residence for the present year. Ordered that he shall have nothing for cotidians or for great commons, nor any share of the 100 marks paid by John Manyman.

1493, June 16.—Confirmation of the manumission of Richard Hawkyns, the bishop's native belonging to the manor of Banwell.—*fo.* 43.

Confirmation of the grant of a close of meadow lying in the bishop's park, within the manor of Welles, to Richard Nikke, canon residentiary.

Confirmation of the grant by the bishop of the office of registrar of the bishop's chancery [*cancellariatus*] to Master Robert Williamson for life.

1493, July 2.—John Vasy admitted a vicar non-perpetual for one year.

1493, July 19.—Confirmation of a grant by the bishop of the offices of keeper of Westebury park and master of the game [*magistri deductus*] of all the bishop's parks in the counties of Southampton, Gloucester and Somerset, and of steward of the manor of Dogmersfelde, to Sir Giles Dawbenay, lord of Daubenay, for life, with a yearly pension of 10*l.* issuing from the manor of Westebury.

Confirmation of a grant by the bishop of the office of steward to Sir Amisius Powlet, knt., for life, with a pension of 20 marks.

Confirmation of a manumission by the bishop of John Croker, a native belonging to his manor of Chedder, for him and his offspring [*sequela*] begotten and to be begotten.—*fo.* 43*d.*

Confirmation of a grant by the bishop of the office of keeper of the park of Banwell, with the ancient fees, and of the manor of Banwell, with a fee of 26*s.* 8*d.*, to William Mill.

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Confirmation of a grant by the bishop of the office of keeper of the park of Evercriche, with a fee of 40*s*., to Peter Gregory.

1493, Aug. 10.—John Orchard and Thomas Rede admitted as vicars non-perpetual.

1493, Aug. 17.—Read a mandate from Richard Nykke, canon residentiary, and vicar-general in spiritual matters of the bishop, addressed to the dean, sub-dean or president, and the chapter, etc. By the authority of this mandate, John White, the sacrist, has summoned all parsons of the cathedral church, who ought to undergo visitation of this kind, to appear according to custom.

1493, Aug. 20.—Thomas Colson, clerk, admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Compton Dundon on the death of Thomas Overay; pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 44.

1493, Aug. 26.—John Algar, chaplain, presented to the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Lidearge Episcopi.

John Spereman, for his good service to the cathedral church in the office of common labourer, appointed to the office of common labourer, with a yearly fee of 6*s*. 8*d*. to be paid by the master of the fabric on Michaelmas day, beyond his old wages.

1493, Sept. 7.—Baldwin Howse admitted an altarist on the nomination and presentation of John Touker, the precentor; he took the oaths of canonical obedience and to observe the statutes; and his keys and habit were handed to him.

1493, Sept. 11.—William Capron admitted a non-perpetual vicar.

1493, Sept. 15.—Mr. William Silke admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe IX, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1493, Sept. 17.—Thomas Wade, scribe of the chapter acts, appointed proctor of the chapter to prosecute certain appeals at the court of Canterbury. Master Thomas Goldwegge, notary public, John Touker and John Aleyn, witnesses.

1493, Sept. 20.—Thomas Peytevyn appointed to one of the four perpetual chantries founded for the soul of Nicholas Bubbwit, late bishop.

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Accounts of Richard Pomerey, Keeper of the Fabric, from Michaelmas, 1492, to Michaelmas, 1493.

Receipts.

Oblations: On the 5 feasts of B.M. from the pix at the choir door .. .. 1*l*. 2*s*. 9½*d*.

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the pix of St. Andrew at the west door ..			4*d.*
St. Ann			3*d.*
St. George			2*d.*
St. Erasmus			6*d.*
St. Saviour in the corner of the choir ..		*nil.*	
St. Mary in Jesina		2*s.*	1½*d.*
William Button		1*s.*	10*d.*
St. Sitha			6½*d.*
the Coronation of B.M.			4½*d.*
St. Leonard		*nil.*	
St. Saviour in the cloister			7½*d.*
Holy Cross in the cloister	2*l.*	0*s.*	1*d.*
Sales : 2 sheets of glass		2*s.*	0*d.*
of John Hancok, quarryman, for 50 loads of freestone		16*s.*	8*d.*
timber		8*s.*	4*d.*
of Mr. Thomas Goldweg for 3½ seams of Walschboard		3*s.*	9*d.*
200 tiles		1*s.*	0*d.*
of the receiver of the vicars choral for 116*lbs.* of lead		5*s.*	0*d.*
of John Glasier of Shepton Malet for 3 sheets of glass		3*s.*	0*d.*
planks and nails for the coffin of Mr. John Waynsford		2*s.*	0*d.*
1,000 tiles		5*s.*	0*d.*
2 old wheels of the clock [? ; *horoscopii*]		3*s.*	4*d.*
lock and key sold to Mr. Rokatte			3*d.*
pint of oil			2*d.*
lead, Walschboard, planks and board nails, several sums			
Legacies and collection of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew : throughout the diocese	1*l.*	1*s.*	0*d.*
after confession [*per confessionem*] ..		16*s.*	8*d.*
ring, left by Joan Jay of Ditcheat, sold for			10*d.*
arrears of St. Andrew's pence		10*s.*	4*d.*
for burying George Stillington in the chapel of St. Mary in the cloister ..		3*s.*	4*d.*
the like, John Lefemen	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
the like, Mr. John Lacy	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
the like, John Waynsford, before the image of B.M.	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
his legacy	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
burying the bishop's commissary in the chapel of B.M., by favour		10*s.*	0*d.*
burying Mr. Thomas Overey in the chapel of B.M. in the cloister	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
basin and *lavacrum* given by Mr. John Waynsford			8*d.*
ring		3*s.*	8*d.*

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St. Andrew's briefs in the deaneries of Bath and Ratclyffe	3*l.*	4*s.*	10½*d.*
the like from Axbridge and Powlet	4*l.*	14*s.*	7*d.*
the like from Cary, Merston, Ilchester and the dean's jurisdiction	7*l.*	9*s.*	7*d.*
the like from Crukorn, Taunton, Dunster, Bridgwater and the jurisdiction of Glaston	13*l.*	10*s.*	3½*d.*

Expenses.

Vacancy of vicars' stalls	25*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Paid in weekly wages to workmen	13*l.*	18*s.*	1*d.*
Expenses of collection of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew	8*l.*	15*s.*	2*d.*
Purchases: 4,885*lbs.* of lead	8*l.*	2*s.*	6*d.*
30*lbs.* of tin		5*s.*	0*d.*
700 celing nails, 1,500 boardnails, 1,000 leadnails, 400 spikenails and 500 bushel nails	1*l.*	4*s.*	10½*d.*
hempen cord			10*d.*
4,000 tiles	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
changing bell of the clock [? ; *horoscopii*]	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
8*lbs.* of laton wire, 51 sheets of white glass	2*l.*	2*s.*	6*d.*
brooms to clean the church for Easter			5*d.*
4 bounches of coloured glass		9*s.*	0*d.*
making a brazen vane and 2 iron sockets		1*s.*	6*d.*
sieve			1½*d.*
carriage of paviours		4*s.*	0*d.*
windlass for chime		1*s.*	7*d.*
1 hogshead of oil and carriage from Bristol	2*l.*	12*s.*	5*d.*
cords for the clock [? ; *horoscopii*] and chime		14*s.*	0*d.*
12*lbs.* of wire		4*s.*	0*d.*
120 planks	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Given to the king's servants not to take away 3 choristers		6*s.*	8*d.*
to the queen's players		6*s.*	8*d.*
Carriage of ash logs for exchequer		3*s.*	1*d.*
of oaken logs		8*s.*	0*d.*
of freestone	1*l.*	5*s.*	0*d.*
To Thomas at the Antelope for making divers things		13*s.*	7½*d.*
Paid during the vacancy of vicars' stalls, for mass, gospel and epistle	3*l.*	14*s.*	0*d.*
reading Passion on Palm Sunday		5*s.*	0*d.*

Stock: Tin, not used; lead, 3,900*lbs.* and 4,885*lbs.* bought; boardnails, 21*lbs.* and 2,500 bought; spike-

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nails, 400 and 400 bought; leadnails, 200 and 1,000 bought; hatchnails, 650; tacknails, 600; lathnails, 3,000.

Sums outlying with John Haydour	2*l.*	6*s.*	$3\frac{3}{4}$*d.*
Mr. William Nyck, archdeacon of Wells, for 21 cloths, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to be paid yearly	29*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Mr. Robert Wylson, prebendary of Timberscombe, for not paying a vicar choral 2 years	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
the prior of Berlynch, for 16 years, at 6*s.* 8*d.* a year	5*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
John Stevens	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Richard Pomerey, this accountant ..	47*l.*	5*s.*	7*d.*

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1493, St. Jerome, Sept. 30.—List of collations similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 45.

Master of the fabric: Pomeray.

Sub-treasurer: Aleyn.

Tabular: Clerke.

Communar: Touker.

Escheator: nominated by the vicars, Clawsay, Seward, Fox; chosen by the canons, Fox.

Auditors: Sub-dean, Vowell and Nykke.

Scrutators of canonical houses: Stevens and Nykke.

Keepers of the library: Austell and Vowell.

1493, Oct. 1.—John Austell and John Vowell deputed to survey all ornaments of chantries.

Grant of 40 days to all canons residentiary in complement of residence, without cotidians, to be used at will before Michaelmas.—*fo.* 45*d.*

1493, Oct. 2.—Vicars choral, elected or deputed to any office of the cathedral, must be present at the first matins of every feast day throughout the year, but are graciously excused the others by reason of their offices.

Unanimously agreed that if the vicarages and perpetual chantries named below, the presentation or collation to which belongs to the dean and chapter, shall fall vacant within a year from this day, the parsons shall not be named in common by the dean and chapter, but separately as within written; but the first chantry of Sir Nicholas Bubwith vacant shall be conferred on John Clawsay, and that canon to whom the nomination of the said chantry belongs shall obtain the nomination of the chantry assigned to John Vowell, during the present year only.—*fo* 46.

Master John Gunthorpe, dean, shall nominate to the perpetual vicarage of Lydeard Episcopi and to the chantry of Sir John Hampton, if vacant within the year.

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Master Thomas Harries, treasurer, shall nominate to the vicarage of Modeforde and to the chantry of Sir Robert Wade, if vacant within the year.

Master William Boket, sub-dean, shall nominate to the vicarage of Bokeland Abbatis and to the chantry of Sir Thomas Peytefyn, if vacant within the year.

Master John Austell shall nominate to the vicarage of Poklechurche and to the chantry of Master John Welmete.

Master John Vowell shall nominate to the vicarage of Burnham and to the chantry of Master Thomas Orchard.

Sir John Stevens shall nominate to the church of Lambroke and to the chantry of Sir John Gravesby.

Master Walter Knyghtlay shall nominate to the vicarage of Stokegommer and to the chantry at the altar of Holy Cross.

Master Richard Nykke shall nominate to the church of Shepeham and to the chantry of Sir Richard Teke. [*Hic M' J. Welmete*, added.]

Sir John Manyman to the vicarage of Wynescombe and to the chantry at the altar of St. Stephen, in the possession of Master Thomas Goldwegge.

Ordered that so often as the escheator of the cathedral church for the time being shall collect and receive any fruits, rents or income of any vacant prebend,—of which two parts belong to the dean and chapter and the third part to the prebendary for one whole year after his death—when the escheator renders his account at the end of his year, the said third part shall remain in the keeping of the dean and chapter until demanded, and if not demanded within two years after the accounts are made up, then the one third shall be converted to the use of the church, for the good of the soul of the same prebendary.

1493, Oct. 14.—The treasurer [Thomas Harries], the sub-dean [William Boket] and John Austell deputed to view all jewels, treasures and ornaments in the treasure-house of the church, and to make indentures thereof between the dean and chapter of the one part and the treasurer and sub-treasurer of the other part.

Ordered that henceforth John Housse, living in the building near the entrance to the churchyard, shall not carry on dyeing there, on account of the corruption and pollution of the water-courses, to the grave nuisance of the neighbours. The water must have its pure course [*per gurgitem*] as it had from ancient time.—*fo.* 46*d.*

1493, Oct. 18.—For the happy expedition of their business, in soliciting Richard, bishop of Bath and Wells, Master Richard Nikke, canon, is granted all his days of absence, from the city of Wells to the bishop, wherever he be in England, going, coming back and staying, in complement of his residence, with cotidians.

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1493, Nov. 4.—Ordered that every canon residentiary, obtaining a dignity, parsonage or office in the church, who since Michaelmas last and before Michaelmas next makes actual residence for six whole weeks, shall have from each caution for residence of each canon, his part after the division thereof, and not otherwise. To last for this year.

John Gunthorpe, dean, and Thomas Harries, treasurer, for expediting the arduous business of the church at London, are each granted 30 days of grace in complement of their residence, without cotidians, to be taken as they please before Michaelmas next.

1493, Nov. 14.—John Hyll admitted a canon and installed in person in the prebend of Whitechurch, on the resignation of Robert Shereburn, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1493, Nov. 18.—Appeared Thomas Wodyngton, proctor of Master William Wareham, LL.D., on which William the bishop of Bath and Wells had conferred the precentorship on the death of Thomas Overay, and in the name of his principal took the oaths of canonical obedience, etc., and was duly installed. —*fo.* 47.

1493, Nov. 25.—John Gunthorpe, the dean, appointed proctor for the chapter's business before the king and magnates ; he shall be allowed his absence to Midsummer next, without cotidians.

1493, April 18 [*sic*].*—Thomas Barowe appointed by the bishop provost of the cathedral church, canon and prebendary of Combe XII, annexed to the provostship.—*fo.* 47*d.*

1493–4, March 9.—Master Andrew Benstede admitted as canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Wedmore II, on the resignation of Master Peter Huse ; pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1494, *prid. Kal.* April.—Master William Thomson admitted a canon and installed in person in the prebend of Barton, on the death of John Hyll ; pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1494, April 10.—Richard Potyer, proctor of Master Thomas Barowe, the provost, delivered a bond of the provost's for 30*l.*, which he had received from his predecessor in the name of a certain stock [*implementum*] ; to be restored to the dean and chapter on the vacation of the provostship. Margin :— *Implementum* 30 *li. pro oneribus officii prepositure Wellensis.*

Confirmed a grant by Master Thomas Barowe, the provost, to William Hays, gent., Mark [? *Marcho*] Hays, Robert Baggwell, Hugh Hobbull and Elias Alford, for 90 years, of a toft in Wynsham, to the use of the parish church there.

* This entry is out of place, and there appears to be something wrong with the date.

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1494, April 7.—Master John Vowell, canon residentiary, has leave to occupy the canonical houses where Master William Boket lately lived, until some other canon shall wish to have the same for his residence ; without doing any repairs in the meantime, and paying only the ancient accustomed rent.—*fo.* 48*a.*

1494, April 10 [? 14].—John Trench the younger admitted an altarist, on the nomination of Mr. Thomas Harries, the treasurer.

John Wymler admitted a non-perpetual vicar, and given leave of absence until June 24.

Master Thomas Harries, treasurer, exhibited his summons [*provocatio*] or appeal to the dean.

1494, April 26.—Confirmed the bishop's grant of the lordship of Compton, co. Berks, to W. Panyell, and a new grant of the office of keeper of the park of Evercriche.

1494, May 28.—Grant to Thomas Harries, treasurer, of 20 days' grace in complement of his residence, beyond that first granted to him, on condition that he shall well and faithfully attend the dean on the church's business at London.

1494, June 25.—Sir Thomas Weston admitted a vicar non-perpetual for one year.—*fo.* 48*a.d.*

1494, July 12.—John Wymler admitted a vicar non-perpetual for one year.

1494, July 24.—Master Richard Nykke, LL.D., installed in the archdeaconry of Wells, pursuant to mandate of the bishop ; he took the oath of canonical obedience [set out].

Master Robert Middelton admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Yacton, on the resignation of Master Richard Nykke ; pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 48*b.*

1494, Aug. 10.—Sir John Orchard, priest, admitted a perpetual vicar.

1494, Aug. 20.—Consideration of the differences, discords and suits between the dean and chapter and the prior and convent of Montacute, as to the building of a water-mill in the manor of Northcory and as to the water of Tone within the said manor ; the dean and chapter for their part compromised, as they assert, by referring the matter to the arbitrament of Richard [Fox], bishop of Bath and Wells, and bound themselves so to do in 200*l.*, by a bond dated Aug. 20, 9 Hen. VII [set out].

1494, Aug. 23.—Richard Nykke, archdeacon of Wells, appointed proctor in the above matter, which office he undertook, saving his necessary expenses.—*fo.* 48*b.d.*

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1494, Aug. 25.—Confirmation of grants by the bishop of the offices of keepers of the parks of Claverton, near Bath, and Poklechurche, to Sir Amisius Pawlet, knt., and Edmund Myll, gent. [The grant to Pawlet is set out.]

1494, Sept. 21.—Master John Arundell installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe XIII, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 49*d.*

1494, Sept. 6.—Sir John Orcharde and Sir William Capron, chaplains, admitted as perpetual vicars choral.

1494, Sept. 17.—Thomas Harries, treasurer, appointed Richard Nykke and William Boket his attorneys to appear for him on St. Jerome's Day, and to nominate a vicar as sub-treasurer, etc.

1494, Sept. 23.—Ordered that letters be written to the bishop of Tine [*episcopo Tinensi*] concerning certain tithes to be granted to him and his successors for 80 years by Richard [Fox], bishop of Bath and Wells [*inscribatur in alio libro*].

Confirmation of a grant by the bishop of the reversion of lands and other closes and buildings after the death of Joan wife of Richard Burnell, to the said Richard, Edmund Mille and Anne his wife ; the tenor of this charter was anciently registered above [*superius*] and follows anew below ; *scribatur in alio libro.*

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1494, St. Jerome's Day [Sept. 30].—Collation to priories, chantries, etc. similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 50*d.*

Master of the fabric : Pomeray.
Sub-treasurer : Fox.
Tabular : Clerke.
Communar : Touker.
Escheator : nominated by the vicars, Fox, Aleyne and Seward ; chosen by the canons, Aleyne.
Auditors : Boket, Vowell and Manyman.
Scrutator of canonical houses : Austell.
Keepers of the library : Austell and Manyman.
Surveyors of ornaments of the chantries of Bishops Bekyngton and Bubbwith and the eight chantries within the cathedral church : [*blank*].

1494, Oct. 1.—Grant of 40 days to every canon resident, without cotidians.—*fo.* 51.

Confirmation of the grant by the bishop to Thomas Hobson for life of the office of auditor of all accounts of bailiffs and reeves within the bishopric of Bath.

1494, Oct, 3.—Appointment of Sir Thomas Crosse, chaplain, to the chaplaincy of the Hospital of St. Saviour, Blessed Mary and All Saints, near St. Cuthbert's church.

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1494, Oct. 22.—John Basshchurche admitted a perpetual vicar.

1494, Oct. 24.—John Gunthorpe, dean, and Richard Nykke, archdeacon of Wells, appointed proctors for certain business with the bishop at London ; each of them to have 30 days in complement of his residence, in addition to the grace already granted.

1494, Oct. 29.—Thomas [Cornish], bishop of Tine, installed in person in the prebend of Cudworth, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 51*d.*

1494, Nov. 15.—Thomas, bishop of Tine, admitted a canon residentiary ; he paid 100 marks caution money ; and because the canonical house assigned and granted to him by the bishop, lying between the dean's *hospicium* on the west and the archdeacon of Wells' *hospicium* on the east, is broken down and ruinous and unfit for habitation, the chapter granted license that he might live in the hospital of St. John the Baptist in Wells, until Michaelmas next, so that he fulfill all his duties as a canon residentiary in the mean time. [The margin has, in a later hand, "*admissio Thomæ Cornish Tinensis Episcopi*," etc.]

On account of his arduous business in London, the dean is granted a further month in complement of his residence.

1494, Nov. 22.—Richard Nykke, archdeacon of Wells, appointed special proctor in the disputes and litigation between the dean and chapter and the prior and convent of Montacute ; and has leave of absence until April 1 next, in complement of his residence, without cotidians.—*fo.* 52.

1494, Dec. 2.—The dean, still detained in London on the business of the chapter, has a further grant of 60 days, *sine fructu capiendo.*

Thomas Harries, the treasurer, has a grant of 60 days, *sine fructu capiendo.*

1494–5, Jan. 2.—Sir Thomas Cornyssh, bishop of Tine, canon residentiary, has a grant of 40 days, as granted to each canon residentiary on October 1.

1494–5, Jan. 23.—The dean is appointed proctor for certain arduous business in London and a grant of two months' further grace, without cotidians. He appointed William Boket, John Vowel and John Austell his proctors to appear for him at the visitation of the archbishop of Canterbury, and to explain his absence.—*fo.* 52*d.*

1494–5, Feb. 14.—Master Thomas Gilbert, a canon of the cathedral church, admitted a canon residentiary ; he paid

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100 marks caution money, and was collated to the canonical house late of Richard Nykke. He was granted 60 days of grace, *sine fructu*.

Every other canon residentiary has a further grant of 20 days, without cotidians.

1494–5, March 20.—The king to the prior of Montacute.

By the king.

Trusty and welbeloved in God, we grete you wele. And whereas we bee enfourmed that certain variaunces have of long tyme depended betwixt you, on that oon partie, and the dean and chapitre of oure cathedrall church of Wellys, on the othre partie, touching a mylle by thayme bilded upon the water of Tone witin our countie of Somerset, wherby and thurgh [through] othre thinges concernyng the same matier, ye think that ye and our monastory, youre house, bee in som thinges wronged; and to theym it is demed to the contrary. Which variaunce and controversie hath for th'appeassing therof, by th'aggrement of both parties, bene pute into the handes of the right reverende fader in God the now bisshop of Duresme and late bisshop of Bathe and Wellys,* who for great and chargeable busynes by hym had for us in diverse other matiers, and also for lake of a good and metely leysour in that season, made no decree in the same cause. Soo that the variaunces stande now at large again, as undisscussed, which we wold gladly were resonably appeassed, considering that ye bothe parties bee men of the churche, for the whiche cause ye shuld bee the more conformable to all resonably [*sic*] meanes of peas, wherunto the said dean and chapitre bee right desirous, and at all seasons have bee[n] redy to aggree wit you after the discrecion of worshipful indifferent and wele conscienced persones, for any suche thing as by thayme may bee founden that herafter shalbe to your hurte, as we bee enfourmed. [We] desire tharfore and pray you that ye wilbe aggreable, as we trust the othre parte wolbee, to put the same matiers of variaunces eftsones into the handes of the said bisshop of Duresme, under such bondes, obligacions and condicions as affore ware made, wit such a good and resonable season as he may yeve his decree in the same, wit th'advise of such worshipfull and indifferent persones as by you bothe parties shalbe thought metely and convenient to bete [?] and ordre the matier to his handes, so that for lak therof his decree and jugement in that partie shal not nede to be taryed or lett in any wise. And over this, where as it may be thoght that, the see of Bathe and

* Richard Fox was translated to Durham in December, 1494.

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Wellys afforsaid now vacant, ye wil attempte, by way of fete, som thinges of hurt or displeasour ayenst theyme concernyng their said wille [*sic*, ? mill] or thing doon affore this to the weale [? wheel] of the same, we, remembring that the said see is now voide of an hede to be protectour and defendour of the same, as apperteyneth, wol and strately charge you that duryng the said season of voidaunce ye neithre doo nor attempte to be doon by any colourable meanes [any]thing that may bee prejudiciall or hurtfull to the said dean and chapitre or thaire said mylle or any othre thing affore this doon concernyng the same, as ye wil avoyed our gret displeasour and answere unto us in that behalf. Yeven undre our signet, at our manoir of Shene, the xx day of Marche.

To the prior of Mountacu.—*fo.* 53.

1494-5, March 24.—William Rewys admitted a vicar non-perpetual for one year, and assigned to the stall of the prebend of Whitechurch.—*fo.* 53*d.*

1494–5, Feb. 28.—Master Roger Churche, *decretorum doctor*, commissory and vicar in spiritualities of John [Morton], priest-cardinal of the Roman church under the title of St. Anastasia, archbishop of Canterbury, and legate of the apostolic see, in the cities and diocese of Bath and Wells, the episcopal see there being vacant, visited the chapter of Wells, the vicars choral, annuellars, and other ministers of the church ; which visitation continued until the last day of March, on which day Master William Boket, sub-dean, by virtue of a commission from the said reverend father [the archbishop] to himself and Masters Thomas Gilbert and Walter Morys, to continue the visitation, prorogued the same unto the last day of June ; present, Thomas, bishop of Tine, canon residentiary, Sir William Briggman and Sir Thomas Seman, annuellars, and Thomas Wade, notary public, scribe of the acts.

1495, April 9.—Read letters of King Henry VII to the dean and chapter :

Henry, etc., to the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Wells. We have given to our faithful and well-beloved chaplain, Master Richard Hatton, LL.D., the prebend of Wedmore V, vacant by the death of Master William Slaughter, and in our gift *sede vacante*. Westminster, Feb. 9, 10 Hen. VII.

Installation by proxy of Richard Hatton.—*fo.* 54.

Grant of 30 further days to Thomas Gilbert, without cotidians.

1495, June 24.—Further grant of 30 days to him, *sine fructu*, he being in London on the business of the church, with the cardinal of Canterbury.

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1495, June 25.—Sir Thomas Weston, priest, admitted as a perpetual vicar.

1495, *pridie Kal. Julii.*—Master Thomas Gilbert, canon residentiary, collated to the canonical house where Master Richard Worthington late dwelt, to be united and annexed to the canonical house where the said Thomas Gilbert now dwells and in which he makes his residence, he paying the accustomed rents due for both houses to the dean and chapter, and keeping them in repair; any unnecessary buildings he may take down and remove.—*fo.* 54*d.*

1495, July 1.—Thomas [Cornish], bishop of Tine and canon residentiary, has license to reside and make his residence in the hospital of St. John Baptist in the city of Wells, from Michaelmas next for one whole year; he must fulfill all his duties as a canon residentiary.

1495, July 11.—John Wymler admitted a perpetual vicar.

1495, Sept. 1.—Grant to Thomas Gilbert of 15 additional days of grace, to be taken at his pleasure before Michaelmas.—*fo.* 55.

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ACCOUNTS of JOHN ALEYN, the ESCHEATOR, from MICHAELMAS, 1494, to MICHAELMAS, 1495.

Receipts.

One gown, the mortuary of Richard Edwards, servant of Mr. John Vowell		6*s.*	10*d.*
One gown, the mortuary of John Shereman's wife		6*s.*	8*d.*
Oblations: At the burial of Richard Edwards, 8½*d.*; at the anniversary of Mr. John Wansford, 4*d.*; at the anniversary of Mr. Richard Swan, 1*d.*; at the anniversary of Mr. John Lacy, 1*d.*; at the anniversary of Mr. Hugh Sugar, 1½*d.*; at the anniversary of Mr. Thomas Overay, 8*d.* .. .. at the burial of Richard Hucchons ..		1*s.*	0*d.*
Vacant prebends: Compton Dunden, by the death of Mr. Thomas Overay	16*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Defect of rent: the house of the schools in la Monners lane, because it is in the escheator's hands		6*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

Paid to 36 persons, from Compton Dunden prebend	9*l.*	14*s.*	8*d.*
deceased's portion	4*l.*	17*s.*	4*d.*
to the vicar choral for the stall	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*

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To 36 persons from the mortuary of Richard Edwards, Mr. J. Vowell's servant	6*s.*	8*d.*
To 39 persons from the mortuary of Joan wife of John Shereman	6*s.*	8*d.*
Bell for King Edward IV		4*d.*
for Hugh Sugar	1*s.*	4*d.*

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1495, St. Jerome [Sept. 30].—Collation to priories, chantries, etc., similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 55*d.*

Master of the fabric : Pomeray.

Sub-treasurer : Fox.

Tabular : Clerk.

Communar : Touker.

Escheator : named by the vicars, Aleyn, Seward and Clerke ; chosen by the canons, Seward.

Auditors : Boket, baron, Manyman and Cornissh.

Scrutators of canonical houses : Stephens and Menyman.

Keepers of the library : Austell and Cornyssh.

Surveyors of ornaments and jewels of chantries : ——.

1495, Oct. 1.—Grant of 40 days, without cotidians, to every canon resident.—*fo.* 56.

1495, Oct. 3.—The dean [Gunthorpe], sitting in the chapter house as a tribunal, and assisted by canons Boket, Austell and Manyman, summoned before him Edmund Lascy, Baldwin House and John Trenche, altarists of the said church, to answer the charge that nearly every night [*quasi singulis noctibus*] they went out into the town, with swords and staves, and often stayed out of the church all night, to the pernicious scandal and grievance of the church, and he warned them that henceforward none of them go out of the church after the proper and accustomed hour. John Trenche was also charged with having a woman in adulterous embraces one night within the churchyard and with having grievously beaten a man in the churchyard with a stick ; to which charges John could make very little excuse. Sentence was postponed for the consideration of the other canons.

1495, Oct. 10.—Dean Gunthorpe and Canons Vowel and Gilbert appointed proctors for the convocation at London on the 19th inst.

1495, Oct. 24.—The above-named proctors shall be allowed all the time of their absence, from the beginning of convocation so long as it shall last, in complement of their residence, taking nothing for cotidians.—*fo.* 56*d.*

1495, Dec. 7.—John Assh admitted a vicar non-perpetual for one year, and assigned to the stall of the prebend of Wormyster.

1495–1496.

1495–6, Jan. 9.—Certain apostolic letters, directed to the dean and chapter, were published and read before the vicars and other ministers of the church, touching obedience to the rev. father in God, Oliver, lately appointed bishop of Bath and Wells by the apostolic see.* The text of Pope Alexander the VI's letter follows, dated at St. Peter's, Rome, 8th Ides of November, 1495.

1495–6, Jan. 16.—Dean Gunthorpe and Canon Vowel appointed proctors for the church's business at London with the most rev. Cardinal of Canterbury, especially as to confirming the immunities [?] of the church ; each of them is granted two months' grace in complement of his residence, *sine fructu*.—*fo.* 57.

1495–6, Jan. 18.—John White, the sacrist, was charged by William Boket, the sub-dean, that at the last sessions holden at Wells he had laboured and procured and made a bill to indict Baldwin House, altarist of the church, of felony, before the king's justices. White denied it, but he confessed that William Apriche, servant of the bailiff of the city of Wells, had speech with him about the indictment. And because White could have prevented the indictment and did not do so [*potuit impedire et non impedivit*], the sub-dean declared him excommunicate, and pronounced sentence of the greater excommunication, and appointed Saturday next, Jan. 23, for him to show cause why he should not be suspended from wearing his habit, as justice demanded. On the Saturday the sacrist was absolved from the sentence of excommunication and restored to his former status. The sub-dean enjoined him that before vespers of that same day he must dismiss his servant, for his manifold and manifest offences, on pain of contempt ; further, he must labour to have peace with the said Baldwin and his relations [*parentes*], and must make satisfaction to them for the injuries and trespasses done to them. On the Saturday following [Jan. 30] the sacrist again appeared before the chapter, and stated that the controversies between himself and the parties aforesaid had been referred to the arbitrament of four neighbours. He subsequently produced two acquittances, one from John House and the other from Baldwin, his son ; the question of his punishment was adjourned until the coming of the dean.—*fos.* 57, 57*d*.

1495–6, March 7.—Master Peter Carmelianus [?] admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Compton Bishop, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

John Vowell, being at London on the business of the church, with the lord cardinal of Canterbury, is granted all days from March 1 to Easter, *sine fructu*.

* Bishop Fox was translated to Durham in December, 1494 ; Oliver King, bishop of Exeter, was translated to Bath and Wells, Nov. 6, 1495.—*Le Neve.*

1495–1496.

1495–6, March 12.—Read letters mandatory from Master Hugh Peynthwyn, LL.D., archdeacon of Canterbury, directing the induction, installation and enthronisation of Oliver [King], bishop of Bath and Wells. Dated at Lamehith, March 4, 1495. Sealed with the seal of the cardinal archbishop of Canterbury [John Morton], because the archdeacon had then no seal of his own.* Which was done accordingly, in the person of Master Thomas Gilbert, the bishop's proctor.—*fo.* 58.

Decreed that all canons resident, as well present as future, may hereafter enter the choir at all canonical hours and at masses, both day and night, any statute to the contrary notwithstanding.—*fo.* 58*d.*

1495–6, March 18.—Master Thomas Austell, canon of the cathedral church and prebendary of the prebend of Wormystre, admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100 marks caution money, and was granted 40 days of grace in complement of his residence this present year, as all the canons had on October 1. He was also granted a further 54 days, *sine fructu.*

Thomas Harries, treasurer, granted 6 days of grace which he spent on the business of the church at the time of the last convocation, *sine fructu.* Thomas Cornyssh granted 15 days which he spent on the business of the church at London, *sine fructu.*

1496, April 14.—Sir John Braddon admitted a vicar non-perpetual, and assigned to the stall of the prebend of Whitechurch.

1496, April 28.—Sir Thomas Legate, the like.—*fo.* 59.

1496, May 4.—Thomas Perham admitted a canon of the cathedral church, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe VII.

1496, May 25.—Thomas Cornyssh and Thomas Gilbert appointed proctors to treat with the prior and convent of Montacute and their counsel at Lamporte, as to the controversies between them with regard to a mill newly erected within the dean and chapter's manor of Northcory. They are granted four days of grace, with cotidians.—*fo.* 59*d.*

1496, May 28.—The dispute is referred to the arbitration of John FitzJames, Humfrey Harvy, John Benyn and John Smyth, chosen by the parties. The dean and chapter gave a bond in 200*l.* to perform the judgment of the arbitrators.

1496, July 8.—Thomas Kymber and Richard Ednay admitted vicars non-perpetual, and assigned to the stalls of the prebends of Wanstre and Ilton.—*fo.* 60.

* He was collated to the archdeaconry on Nov. 26, 1495.—*Le Neve.*

1495–1496.

Sir John Touker, the communar, to deliver to Master John Stephens, the steward, 10*l.* for the fabric of the buildings within the manor of Northcory.

1496, July 28.—John Clawsey and Nicholas Marshall admitted vicars non-perpetual, and assigned to the stalls of the prebends of Combe III and Wormyster.

1496, Aug. 22.—Agreed to present Sir William Drewe to the perpetual chantry at the altar of St. Kalixtus founded for the soul of Master H. Husy, sometime dean.—*fo.* 60*d.*

1496, Sept. 14.—Master Walter Folde, S.T.P., admitted a canon of the cathedral and installed by proxy in the prebend of Tymberescombe, pursuant to mandate of the bishop, and was installed as chancellor, on the death of Master Robert Wilson.

1496–1497.

1496, St. Jerome, Sept. 30.—Collation to priories and chantries in the cathedral, similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 61.

Master of the fabric : Pomeray.

Sub-treasurer : Fox.

Tabular : Clerke.

Communar : Touker.

Escheator : nominated by the vicars, Clerk, Jenyns and Seward ; chosen by the canons, Jenyns.

Auditors : Boket, baron, Manyman and Cornissh.

Scrutators of canonical houses : Stevens and Manyman.

Keepers of the library : Austell and Cornissh.

1496, Oct. 1.—Each canon residentiary granted 40 days of grace, without cotidians.—*fo.* 61*d.*

Sir John Fox appointed sub-treasurer on the nomination of Master Thomas Harries, the treasurer.

1496, Oct. 24.—Dean Gunthorpe appointed proctor of the chapter for the business at London with the lord cardinal of Canterbury, and granted all days from his setting forth from Wells to the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle [Dec. 21] next, without cotidians.

1496, Oct. 26.—Sealed a lease from the bishop to the wardens of the church goods of Congaresbury, of a cottage and 100 acres of land in the manor of Congaresbury for 80 years. Memorandum that the prior and convent [of Bath] for this turn sealed first.

Master John Vowell, being then at London, appointed proctor and solicitor for certain arduous business of the cathedral with the cardinal of Canterbury ; he was granted all days from this day to St. Andrew the Apostle [Nov. 30], *sine fructu.*—*fo.* 62.

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1496, Nov. 29.—Master Thomas Jan [?], *decretorum doctor*, admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe XIII [Tymberescombe, *struck out*], pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1496, Dec. 15.—Sir Thomas Coorte, chaplain, presented to the parish church or chapel with cure [*capellam curatam*] of Estlangbroke, on the death of Sir Henry Sutton, the last rector.

1496, Dec. 16.—Robert Shirbourne installed in the archdeaconry of Taunton, in the person of John Gossage, his proctor, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1496, Dec. 21.—Dean Gunthorpe, Canon John Vowell, LL.D., and Canon Thomas Gilbert, *decretorum doctor*, appointed proctors for the convocation at St. Paul's, London, on Jan. 23 ; they were granted all the days of their absence from the beginning of the convocation, without cotidians.—*fo.* 62*d.*

1496, Dec. 30.—Each canon residentiary granted 40 days of grace, *sine fructu*.—*fo.* 63.

1496–7, March 17.—William Cosyn installed by proxy in the archdeaconry of Bath, pursuant to mandate of the bishop. —*fo.* 62*d.*

Master Robert Wydowe, Mus. Bac., admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe II, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 63.

1497, March 28.—Master John Vowell, then in London, appointed proctor for cathedral business ; he was granted all days from St. Gregory [March 12] last to May 1, without cotidians.

1496–7, March 20.—Master John Pykman admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe IV, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1497, April 5.—Master Thomas Beaumont, clerk, admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Taunton, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 63*d.*

1497, April 6.—Master William FitzHerbert, LL.D., admitted a canon, and installed in person in the prebend of Barton.

1497, April 8.—Sir Robert Constable admitted a vicar non-perpetual.

1497, April 14.—Sir John Braddon admitted a perpetual vicar.

1496–1497.

1497, June 1.—Master Thomas Tomyow, LL.D., admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe X [Taunton, *struck out*], pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1497, July 7.—Thomas Kymber and Richard Ednay admitted perpetual vicars.—*fo.* 64.

1497, July 21.—Master John Pykman, canon, collated to the canonical house where Sir John Manyman late dwelt.

1497, July 25.—Master John Lugwarden admitted a canon, and installed in person in the prebend of Dynre.

1497, July 27.—John Clawsay and Nicholas Marshal admitted perpetual vicars.

1497, July 28.—Master Thomas Cornissh, canon residentiary, appointed perpetual vicar of St. Cuthbert's church, Wells, on the death of Sir John Manyman.—*fo.* 64*d.*

1497, eve of St. Lawrence.—Thomas Harries, the treasurer, granted 20 days' grace about the king's business, without cotidians.

1497, Aug. 13.—John Lugwarden, canon, and prebendary of Dynre, admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100 marks caution money; with cotidians up to Michaelmas next only if he be present in the town and keep open door, otherwise he shall receive nothing.

1497, Aug. 25.—John Lugwarden collated to the canonical house where Master William Boket late dwelt.

1497, Sept. 10.—Master Robert Wydowe, canon, installed by proxy in the office of succentor, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 65.

Master John Argentyne, M.D., admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Holecumbe.

1497–1498.

1497, St. Jerome, Sept. 30.—Collation to priories and chantries in the cathedral, similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 65*d.*

Master of the fabric: Pomeray.

Sub-treasurer: Fox.

Tabular: Clerke.

Communar: Touker.

Escheator: Jenyns.

Auditors: William Bocat, Thomas Cornissh and John Lugwarden.

Scrutators of canonical houses: Stevens and Lugwarden.

Keepers of the library: Austell and Vowell.

Surveyors of jewels and ornaments of chantries: Stevens and Lugwarden.

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1497, Oct. 2.—Masters John Stevens and Thomas Cornissh, canons residentiary, and Sir John Touker, vicar choral, appointed proctors of the chapter to appear before Master Thomas Gilbert, vicar-general and official of the bishop and chancellor of the see, for all causes and business there.—*fo.* 66.

1497, Oct. 6.—Reynold ap David, prior or master of the hospital or house of St. John Baptist in the city of Wells, appeared in the chapter house and took the oath of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter.

William Gulloke, Richard Hemscote, William Paddoke, priests, and William Graver, deacon, the like.

The said master presented Sir William Paddoke to celebrate for the soul of Walter Lichelade, sometime canon of the church of Wells, for one whole year.

Baldwin Howse, for his contumacy in disregarding injunctions and monitions, was deprived of his habit and expelled from the church.

John Paty admitted an altarist; nominated by William Bocat on behalf of the treasurer.

1497, Oct. 4.—Each canon granted 40 days of grace in complement of his residence, without cotidians.—*fo.* 66*d.*

1497, Oct. 13.—Sir Eugene Dale, chaplain, collated to the office of chaplain of the hospital of St. Saviour, Blessed Mary and All Saints, near St. Cuthbert's church, Wells.

1497, Oct. 23.—John Paty, altarist, appointed to keep the chantry of Thomas Bekyngton, with the accustomed fees.

1497, Nov. 15.—John Standerwick admitted a vicar non-perpetual.

1497, Oct. 17.—The prior of Bruton Priory appeared before the dean and chapter to explain the non-payment of the pension of 8*l.* due from the prior and convent to the cathedral church from the fruits and income of the parish church of Chiltren Dummer, appropriated to the priory. He said that the rectory had become impoverished *per defectum aracionis terrarum arabilium . . . et propter sterilitatem earundem in presenti et diu ante hac dicta rectoria ecclesie predicte est et fuit in tanta exilitate et decasu quod dicta summa viij librarum de omnibus et singulis decimis proventibus et fructubus dicte rectorie pertinentibus penitus levari non poterit.* The prior, asked how long this had been so, said that he believed *quod ita fuit per spacium quinquaginta annorum et ultra, et quod hoc fuit per negligenciam parochianorum ibidem commorancium pro clausuris terrarum arrabilium per ipsos factis.* The dean and chapter and the prior agreed that John Dyer, rector of Higham, John Peny, vicar of Milton, and Giles, rector of Kylmyngton, should inquire as to the true value of the benefice of Chiltren Dummer, etc., and certify the result.—*fo.* 67.

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Copy of the letter sent by the dean and chapter and the said prior :—

Right worshipfull, we commaunde [*sic*] us to yow. And where a variance and trouble as yet dependz betwix us, the dean and chapitre of the cathedrall church of Welles, of oon parte, and the prior and convent of Bruton, of the other parte, we, the foresaid both partes, desyring to have knowlieg of the true valour of all maner comodities, profectez and fructez in any wise belongyng as well to the parsonage of the churche of Chiltren Dummer as to the vicarage of the same, have compromised to you, by us the forsaid parties chossen, indifferently to make a due inquisicion in the said church, as wel by the inhabitantz there as other such persones as have best knowlieg in that behalf. Whereffore we pray you and ichon of you to take the labour to go to the said church som day this nex weke, to make a due inquisicion in that behalf, as affore is said ; and that doon, to certifie us of all such as ye shal fynde herein ; and that it will lyke you that the parisshens may be warned to awayte opon you at such tyme as ye shal apoynte ; and that ye will acertaigne us of the said day be you to be apoynted to be there, to th'entent that such provision may be made you for there as shal aparteyne. And thogh this be payneful for you, your labours and peynes shalbe remembred. And we, both parties aforesaid, ar glad to do as moche for your and ich of your pleassour in thing that we may do herafter. Item, over this, for as moch as it is supposed that the said benefice is gretely decayed and not worth viij*li*. a yere, we pray you to inquire of the decaye of the said benefice, how and in whose defaute and negligence it is so gretely decayed, and how longe it hath be in such decaye, and how many yeres it hath so contynued, so that we both parties may be by you of the premissez and every part of thayme acertaigned by your writyng, signed wit your handes, etc.

By the dean and chapiter of the cathedrall church of Welles, and by the prior and covent of Bruton.

To Maister John Dyer, parson of Higham, Sir John Peny, parson of Milton Podemore, and to Sir Giles, parson of Kylmyngton.

1497, Dec. 21.—Each canon residentiary making actual residence granted 40 days of grace, without cotidians ; it shall extend to John Vowell if he comes and actually begins his residence before April 1 ; otherwise not.—*fo.* 67*d.*

1497, Dec. 22.—Master Henry Rawlyns admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe XIV, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

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1497–8, Jan. 2.—Dean Gunthorpe appointed proctor for certain special business before the king and magnates ; he is allowed all necessary absence from Nov. 9 to the Annunciation, inclusive, without cotidians.

1497–8, Feb. 23.—Thomas Harries, the treasurer, granted 40 days of grace as he was due to be occupied on the king's business in Cornwall and Devon, *sine fructu.—fo.* 68.

Sir John Stevens surrendered the office of steward of the cathedral church ; at the request of the chapter he undertook the office for the present year.

1498, April 2.—John Vowell may enjoy the 40 days' grace granted to every canon on Dec. 21 last, notwithstanding the act of chapter of the same day to the contrary ; *sine fructu.*

The dean, in the name of the executors of the will of Master Richard Lichefeld, delivered a silver-gilt chalice, weighing 44*oz.*, and a frontal for the high altar of blue cloth of gold [*coloris blodii*].

1498, April 28.—The dean and chapter gave to North Cory parish church, *legenda sanctorum, secundo folio Quanta nos, et legenda temporal*[*ia*] *secundo folio Nox subvertitur.* To the parish church of Wynescombe a processional *secundo folio Deinde turibular'.*

John Lugwarden has license to repair his canonical house before the nativity of St. John Baptist, 1499, and to stay in the meantime where he now lives.

Copy of the bill upon the answer of the prior of Bruton at Dicheyate to the dean and others :

> Pleasith you to understande that appon diverse sendynges bytwene the deane and the chapiter of Welles, and appon convercacion lately hadde bytwen the saide deane and me, of our comyn matier, I thinke it may take an eend iff I wille sette the benifyce of Chiltryn to them in ferme, wit all hys appertenentes, as it was appropriate to us, for the space of a C yeres save oon ; wit this provysion, that if I and my covent att any time think it be benificyall unto us to take the seyd benefyce yn his furste astate unto our handes ayen, then yff we be redy to content theme the costes and chaarges that thei have doun in the meane tyme for the improwment of the same, and geve theme sufficiaunt sewertie fro that tyme afftrewardes in perpetuitee to content theme yerely of ther olde pensyon of 8*li.*, they then shal make relesse of the yeres off the ferme foresayd. That iff y do lett renne the said yeres, and do noght retourn to my olde state, as is above wreten, then my successours for the tyme must make a lyke newe lesse [lease] unto theme, and so fromo terme to terme.

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1498, May 20.—Considered a communication with the prior of Bruton as to an action [*lis*] for a yearly pension of 8*l.* out of the fruits and emoluments of the parish church of Chiltren Dummer, appropriated to the priory of Bruton, for the payment of the said pension to the dean and chapter. The prior offered to let the said church to farm to them for 99 years, in satisfaction [*contentatio*] of the pension. Resolved to accept the offer.—*fo.* 68*d.*

1498, June 9.—Agreed by the dean and chapter to accept a messuage and tenements adjoining, where J. Cornissh now dwells, after the death of John Nabbe and Alice his wife, to celebrate yearly on the morrow of St. Benedict and to observe their obit.

1498, June 29.—Masters Thomas Cornissh and Thomas Gilbert appointed stewards and keepers of the deanery, now vacant by the death of John Gunthorpe.

1498, *pridie Kal.* July.—Mr. John Lugwardyn appointed official of the decanal jurisdictions, and Mr. John Standerwyke scribe and registrar of causes and corrections, during the vacancy of the office of dean.

John Lugwardyn appointed official of all the chapter's peculiar jurisdictions of Northcory, Wynsham, Nicholascombes, Chedder, Ludewode Bishop's and Lovington.

Master Thomas Gilbert, *decretorum doctor*, collated to the rectory or chapelry of the church or free chapel of Alverton, vacant by the death of Mr. William Stevens.—*fo.* 69.

1498, July 3.—Master Richard Hatton, doctor, and canon of the cathedral church of Wells, and, as he asserted, deputed by king Henry, appeared in the chapter house at the hour of vespers; and said that, the deanery being vacant by the death of dean Gunthorpe, the king wished and desired [*voluit et affectavit*] the president and chapter to place the election in his hands, further that it was his mind and wish to nominate as dean a canon of the cathedral church and a doctor. Master Hatton further asserted that if the president and chapter wished to deliberate on their answer and not to consent at once to the king's wishes, yet he desired them in no wise to proceed to the election of a new dean until the king should have had sufficient notice of the day of election.

The president and chapter, with humble recommendation and all submission, replied to the first request that very many canons of the said church are absent and dispersed throughout the whole realm of England, who have right and votes [*voces*] in the election of the new dean, as well as they, and according to the statutes and customs of the church, these must of right and necessity be summoned and cited to the election; and they asserted that without the consent of these absent ones they could not proceed to an election without giving them

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due warning. And so they could not at present make any promise to the king as to the election of the new dean, or consent to the same without the consent of the absentees. Further, they said that the president and chapter could not proceed to an election without the license of the bishop ; and so, at present, they cannot give any answer to the request.

ACCOUNTS of the COMMUNAR, from MICHAELMAS, 1497, to MICHAELMAS, 1498.

Receipts.

Rent of the Herteshead in Sadlers St., with 2 messuages	2*l.*	18*s.*	8*d.*
Vacancy of Yarlington Church	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Induction of the vicar of Winsham		6*s.*	8*d.*
By wills	1*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Of Knappe Mill	5*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*

Expenses.

Paid for gown of John Belde		6*s.*	8*d.*
Aid to the king		13*s.*	4*d.*
The king's half-tenth and quarter-tenth, by the abbat of Mochelnay, collector ..	26*l.*	19*s.*	1*d.*
Obit of Mr. John Hope	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Mending a chasuble and for ribbon at the altar of N. Bubwyth		3*s.*	2*d.*
4 towels for the altars of Bishop Bekenton and Bishop Bubwyth			7*d.*
2,000 tiles		10*s.*	2*d.*
6,000 tiles	1*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
1,300 *finguli* [?]		8*s.*	8*d.*
12 tucking girdles			10*d.*
Tiler for New Works	2*l.*	17*s.*	11*d.*
Mending a gutter in New Works		1*s.*	0*d.*
making bulk in do.		3*s.*	6*d.*
Expenses of the bishop's tenant and Mr. W. Boket, riding to London for the dean's license, 15 days with 10 horses	6*l.*	5*s.*	7½*d.*
John Belde's expenses holding Canonbarn Court on St. Mark's day		1*s.*	6*d.*
Obit of Richard Worthington	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
BYDESHAM. Binding "colet boke"		2*s.*	0*d.*
and a gradual in the choir		2*s.*	0*d.*
Mending 4 censers and 3 rectors' staves ..		1*s.*	8*d.*
½*lb.* of ribbon silk		8*s.*	0*d.*
Thread ribbon		2*s.*	4*d.*
1½*yds.* black velvet, for 2 tunicles and 1 chasuble		15*s.*	0*d.*
16 ells and 1*yd.* of linen, for 3 albs and amices, at 6*d.* the ell		8*s.*	4½*d.*

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making 3 albs		1*s.*	6*d.*
applying apparels			3*d.*
Making 53 leopards' heads	2*l.*	13*s.*	0*d.*
3 vestments		10*s.*	0*d.*
Making 2 phials, weighing 12*oz.*		6*s.*	0*d.*
Washing a corporas for Bekinton's altar ..			3*d.*

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1498, St. Jerome's Day, Sept. 30.—Collation to priories, chantries and offices ; similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 69*d.*

Master of the fabric : Pomeray.

Communar : Touker.

Tabular : Clerke.

Sub-treasurer : Fox.

Escheator : nominated by the vicars, Jenyns, Asshcote and Ferre (?) ; chosen by the canons, Jenyns.

Auditors : Vowell, Gilbert and Lugwardyn.

1498, Oct. 1.—Ordered that every canon residentiary shall appear in the chapter house at the accustomed hour on Nov. 21 next, on pain of paying 40*s.*—*fo.* 70.

Grant of 40 days of grace to each canon making actual residence, without cotidians.

Each canon making actual residence for the following year may have the nomination to the churches, perpetual vicarages and chantries written over his name, and which are in the presentation or collation of the dean and chapter ; to last for one year, viz. :—

Master William Boket, sub-dean, the church of Modeford and the chantry which Sir Robert Wade now holds.

Master Thomas Harries, treasurer, the vicarage of Bokland Abbat's and the chantry of Sir Thomas Petevyne.

Master John Pykman, the vicarage of Wynescombe and the chantry which Master Thomas Goldwege holds.

Master John Vowell, the church of Shepham and the chantry of Master John Welmote.

Sir John Stevens, the vicarage of Lideard Bishop's and the chantry of Sir John Hampton.

Master Thomas Cornissh, the church of Lambroke and the chantry of Sir John Gramsby.

Master Thomas Gilbert, the vicarage of Burneham and the chantry of Sir William Drew.

Master Thomas Austell, the vicarage of Stokegummer and the chantry of Sir John Atya.

Master John Lugwardyn, the vicarage of Poklechurche and the chantry of Sir Richard Teke.

1498, Oct. 28.—William Cosyn, *in jure licenciatus*, archdeacon of Bath, admitted as a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Ilton, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 70*d.*

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1498, Nov. 15.—John Standerwyke junior admitted a perpetual vicar.

1498, Nov. 24.—Ordered that the steward of the cathedral, in his next progress to hold courts, shall enjoin all reeves of manors to pay the rents of the manors quarterly to the steward or communar.

1498, Dec. 22.—Master John Pykman, canon and prebendary of Combe IV, admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100 marks caution money, and was granted 40 days of grace.

Each canon granted 40 days of grace, without cotidians, in addition to the 40 which they already have.—*fo.* 71.

1498, Dec. 26.—Thomas Gilbert may have the book of statutes to put in order and bind, the same to be placed in safe keeping in the library of the church, so that every canon may have free access to it at his pleasure.

Ordered that the executors of the late dean Gunthorpe shall have nothing from the great commons for the year ending at Michaelmas last, because he died before he had made his whole residence.

1498, *pridie Kal.* Jan.—Touching rents of assize, fines of land and other things coming to the deanery during the vacancy which of right and custom belong and ought to belong [? to the chapter*]; nevertheless, the sub-dean and chapter agreed to abide by the judgment of Thomas Colson and Robert Brown the auditors, who shall determine the same on their conscience after inspecting the roll of account.

Master Thomas Cornyssh appointed steward of the church; he must not make any fine of lands beyond the value of 20*s.* without the consent of the chapter.

1498–9, Jan. 2.—John Vowell and the said steward are deputed to survey the goods remaining in the hands of the communar and clerk of the fabric, and to certify as to the same.

1498–9, Jan. 7.—Considered the question of the manor of Alverton, granted to the dean and chapter and their successors by Master John Gunthorpe, late dean; to sustain a cursal mass in the cathedral daily by the canons or the senior vicars choral, and to support other burdens in the church. It was decided to begin and continue the said cursal mass at the altar of SS. Mary Magdalen, Katherine and Margaret daily, celebrating for the soul of the said Master Gunthorpe and to follow the form and order of the cursal mass for the soul of

* The context seems to require these words; this passage, like the last, seems to be dealing with a claim by the executors.

1498–1499.
Thomas Bekington, sometime bishop of Bath and Wells. As to the other burdens, they would deliberate further.—*fo.* 71*d.*

1498–9, Feb. 5.—Each canon residentiary granted 18 further days of grace, without cotidians.

Grant to Master Robert Wydow, the succentor, at the instance of Master John Pykman, of the canonical house where Master John Austell lately dwelt; to reside there so long as he shall wish.

Grant to John Pykman of the nomination of benefices and chantries which John Austell had while he lived, for the present year.

1498–9, Feb. 18.—Thomas Cornissh, the steward, may let to farm the rectory of the parish church of Lydeard, for 5 years, to the perpetual vicar thereof, who must give a bond for the payment of the rent.

1499, March 30.—Master Stephen Dowce, S.T.B., admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Milverton II, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 72.

1499, *pridie Kal. Aprilis.*—Master John Pykman, canon residentiary, installed in person in the prebend of Ilton, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

Master Thomas Beumount, canon, installed by proxy in the archdeaconry of Bath, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1499, April 3.—Sir John Borde, chaplain, presented to the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Mudford, on the resignation of Sir Thomas Math.

1499, April 12.—Richard Estway admitted a vicar non-perpetual, for one year.—*fo.* 72*d.*

1499, April 16.—Master John Lugwardyn, canon residentiary, installed in person in the prebend of Tymberescombe, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1499, April 21.—Sir Thomas Cornyssh, bishop of Tine and canon [residentiary], installed in person as chancellor of the cathedral church, on the death of Master Walter Felde, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

Master George Percy installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe IV, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1499, April 25.—Resolved that the chancellor, when present in Wells and making actual residence, shall have cotidians, but when absent, whether on his own business or the chapter's, notwithstanding his dignity, he shall not have more daily than a simple canon or steward was of old time wont to have.—*fo.* 73.

1498–1499.

1499, May 18.—Grant of 20 more days of grace to each canon residentiary making actual residence, *sine fructu.*

1499, June 9.—Sir William Thirllow admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Dynre, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1499, June 23.—Read letters mandatory of the bishop for the induction of Master William Cousyn (or his proctor) in the deanery. Master John Pykman, as proctor, having promised on the Gospels to pay 40*l.* to the sub-dean and chapter within 15 days, on account of the vacant prebend annexed to the deanery, was duly installed.—*fo.* 73*d.*

1499, July 19.—Sir John Hardman, chaplain, admitted a vicar non-perpetual for one year.

1499, July 20.—Master Thomas Beamounte installed in person in the provostship and the prebend of Combe XII thereto annexed, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1499, July 21.—Master John Pykman installed in the archdeaconry of Bath, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 74.

1499, Sept. 29.—Sir Richard Rawlyns admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Taunton, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1499–1500.

1499, St. Jerome's Day, Sept. 30.—Collation to priories, chantries and offices, similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 74*d.*

Clerk of the fabric : Pomeray.

Communar : Touker.

Tabular : Capron.

Sub-treasurer : Fox.

Escheator : nominated by the vicars, Fere, Asshcote and Jenyns ; chosen by the canons, Jenyns.

Auditors : Boket, Austell and Lugwardyne.

1499, Oct. 6.—Grant of 20 days of grace to each canon residentiary making actual residence, *sine fructu.*—*fo.* 75.

1499, Oct. 26.—Master George Sidenham admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe XIII, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

Gilbert Jacob admitted a vicar non-perpetual.

1499, Nov. 28.—Sir Jheronimus Boerius of Thabia Januen', *juris utriusque doctorem,* admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Yatton, on the death of Master Robert Midelton, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1499, Dec. 7.—Grant of 20 further days of grace to each canon residentiary, *sine fructu.*—*fo.* 75*d.*

1499–1500.

Sir John Aleyne, vicar choral, has license not to come to matins in the night time, nevertheless he shall have his daily commons undiminished.

1499–1500, Jan. 2.—Grant of 40 further days of grace, *sine fructu*, to every canon residentiary making actual residence.

1499–1500, Jan. 22.—Confirmation of letters patent from Oliver [King], bishop of Bath and Wells, to Thomas Grene of the office of keeper of the park and manor or mansion of Banwell and bailiff of the hundred of Wynterstoke, for life, at a yearly fee of 10 marks. Dated Sept. 20, 14 Henry VII, at our inn [*hospicium*] of Bathes Inne, in the parish of St. Clement Danes, without the bars of the New Temple.—*fo.* 76.

The like to Richard Ruynon, as keeper of the park of Evercrich, at a yearly fee of 41*s.* 4*d.* Dated at Bathe Inne, Dec. 9, 15 Henry VII.—*fo.* 76*d.*

The like to John Pole and Richard Ruynon, gents., as bailiffs of the bishop's liberties within and without Somerset, including the functions of clerk of the market, for their lives, at the yearly pension of 10 marks; they must render a yearly account and discharge all outgoings to the king. Also to the same, as bailiffs of the city or borough of Wells, at a yearly pension of 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Ruynon shall not intermeddle in the said offices without the leave and goodwill of Pole, nor take any of the fees, wages or other profits during Pole's life. Dated (*blank*).—*fo.* 77.

1499–1500, Feb. 1.—Nicholas Marshall, vicar choral, has license to visit the *limina* of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul at Rome, and to be absent on his pilgrimage until Feb. 1 next, receiving nothing by way of emolument or of vicars' commons while absent, save only the income of his stall.—*fo.* 77*d.*

1499–1500, Feb. 26—Master Robert Wydow, succentor, prebendary of Combe II, admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100 marks caution money; if he cannot complete his actual residence before Michaelmas next, the chapter, of special grace, grant that he may nevertheless have the portion of his caution money to be allotted to each canon in respect of his residence up to Michaelmas, at the same rate as the other canons will have for the present year.

1499–1500, March 5.—Master Peter Caresleigh, prebendary of Shalford, admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100 marks caution money.

1499–1500, March 10.—Grant of 12 days of grace, *sine fructu*, to Peter Caresleigh.—*fo.* 78.

1499–1500, March 12.—Master William Soper admitted a canon and installed in person in the prebend of Warmystre-luxfeld, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1499–1500.

1500, April 11.—Richard Estway admitted a perpetual vicar.

1500, April 23.—Ordered that 20 marks lately received by Master Thomas Gilbert, the steward of the church, from two "cautions" of Masters Robert Wydow and Peter Caresleigh for their residence, be placed in a chest in the treasury, under three keys, to be kept by three canons; and that all "cautions" to be applied to the fabric of the church, and other incomings, legacies or gifts raised and received for the fabric, be also placed therein.

1500, May 9.—The bishop is empowered to grant, in the name of the dean and chapter, the canonical house where Master John Pykman now lives, to any canon beginning his residence there; for this turn only.—*fo.* 78*d.*

1500, May 25.—Master Robert Wydow installed in person in the sub-deanery, and Master John Lugwardyn installed as succentor, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

Master John Argentyne, M.D., installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe II, and Master Robert Widew, Mus. Bac., installed in the prebend of Holcomb Burnell, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 79.

Grant of 20 days of grace to each canon making actual residence this year, without cotidians.

Master Robert Wydow, sub-dean, deputed to carry on the chapter's business with the bishop, anywhere within the realm, up to Michaelmas next, *sine fructu seu aliaque distribucione* and is dispensed with residence so far as they can.

Grant (during pleasure) of the income of a vacant stall in the choir to John Assh, for good and diligent service in singing on divers days and festivals; at the hands of the fabric or in the exchequer of the said church.

Sir John Bawdewyn granted the chantry in the chapel of All Saints, now vacant by the death of Sir John Touker.

1500, May 26.—John Salter admitted a vicar non-perpetual. —*fo.* 79*d.*

Sir Thomas Cornissh, the chancellor, has leave to be buried near the door of entrance to the chapter house, at the north corner of the altar of Holy Cross, and to prepare his place of sepulture when he pleases.

Sir John Stevens, canon residentiary, has leave to be buried near and on the south side of the new chapel of St. Edmund, *pontifex*, in the nave of the church.

Master Thomas Goldewege, *annuellarius*, has leave to be buried in the new chapel of Holy Cross, near the cloister, and to prepare the place when he pleases.

1500, June 2.—Grant of 10 days of grace, *sine fructu*, to every canon making actual residence this year.

1499–1500.

Ordered that all muniments and evidences of the church, in the hands of any canon, be brought in and placed in a certain chamber at the end of the church for preservation ; and that henceforth no muniments or evidences remain in the hands of any canon unless delivered by indentures.

1500. July 30.—Letters patent of the offices of keeper of the park and manor of Banwell, granted to Thomas Grene for life, were newly ratified and confirmed.—*fo.* 80.

Sir John Hardman, chaplain, admitted a perpetual vicar.

1500, Aug. 3.—Edward Bray, clerk, installed by proxy in the canonry and prebend of Litton, and Master John Hogekyn, S.T.D., by proxy in the canonry and prebend of Whitelakyngton.

1500, Aug. 18.—The chaper sat *in domo per quam ingreditur ad Thesaurariam ecclesie predicte.*

Grant of 6 days of grace, without cotidians, to Master Peter Caresleigh.

Master Thomas Gilbert is to write to Thomas Hobson to come to hear the accounts of the chapter at the next audit.

1500, Sept. 11.—Oliver Grenden admitted a vicar non-perpetual.—*fo.* 80*d.*

1500, Sept. 20.—William Highwey, clerk, installed by proxy in the canonry and prebend of Combe V, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1500, Sept. 21.—Sir John Orchard, chaplain, presented to the vicarage of Modeford, on the death of Sir John Borde, the last vicar.

1500, Sept. 26.—Master Richard Gilberd installed in person in the canonry and prebend of Taunton.

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1500, St. Jerome's Day, Sept. 30.—Collation to priories, chantries and offices, similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 81.

Clerk of the fabric : Pomeray.

Communar : Addiscote.

Tabular : Capron.

Sub-treasurer : Fox.

Escheator : nominated by the vicars, Jenyns, Clerke and Capron ; chosen by the canons, Jenyns.

Auditors : Cornyssh, baron, Lugwardyn and Caresleigh.

According to ancient custom the baron is the senior canon present in the exchequer and the two senior residentiaries after him present in the city ; and if any of these be absent, then another, who is the senior present, shall supply his turn.

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1500, Oct. 1.—Grant of 40 days of grace, without cotidians, granted to all canons making actual residence this year.—*fo.* 81*d.*

1500, Oct. 3.—Master John Smythe appointed master of the schools on the nomination of Thomas Cornissh, bishop of Tine and chancellor of the cathedral church, with the ancient emoluments ; he was assigned a vicarial habit and a stall in the choir ; he took the oath of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter.

1500, Oct. 5.—Ordered that the steward of the church do hold or cause to be held their courts and views of courts for Michaelmas term this year, according to ancient custom.—*fo.* 82.

Ordered that in the absence of the precentor the succentor has the right and ought, if present, to admit choristers to fill vacancies. Master John Lugwardyn, the succentor, protested that he did not intend to do so, in prejudice of the precentor, if the latter could do so by his proctor.

1500, Oct. 15.—Confirmed letters patent of the bishop granting the office of keeper of the park of Westebury, Somerset, to William Weld, his servant, for life, with a yearly fee of 58*s.* 8*d.* and all trees blown down by the wind and all other accustomed profits and commodities ; power of distress on the manor of Westebury. Dated at our manor of Chewe, Sept. 30, 16 Henry VII. The prior and convent of Bath sealed first for this turn.

1500, Oct. 24.—Gilbert Jacob admitted a perpetual vicar.

1500, Nov. 19.—Grant to Richard Atya and —— his wife and the survivor of them, for life, of the reversion of the manor of Okyngton, in the parish of Wyvelescombe, after the death of Ellen, relict of John Sidenham, lately deceased, so long as it shall be vacant [*quandocumque vacare contigerit*] ; for a fine of 20*l.* Provided always that Richard and his wife must reside on the manor and not let it to farm ; but when they are bowed with age [*cum fuerint senio confracti*] then they may let it for the life of the survivor of them, so that they may dwell [*moram trahere*] near the parish church of Wyvelescombe. —*fo.* 83.

1500, Nov. 19.—Sir John Merler, prior or master of the hospital or house of St. John Baptist in the city of Wells, took the oath of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter, according to the ordinance of Lord Jocelin, sometime bishop.

1500, Dec. 4.—Thomas Clifford, clerk, admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Whitechurch, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

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1500, Dec. 30.—Francis, archbishop of Busuntium and prince of the holy empire, installed in the archdeaconry of Wells and the prebend of Huwyssh annexed thereto, in the person of Rodrigo Machado, commonly called Richmonte.*—*fo.* 83*d.*

1500–1, Jan. 2.—John Prediaux admitted a vicar non-perpetual, for one year.

Grant of 40 days of grace to Thomas Cornissh, the chancellor, in respect of certain business for the church with Master Richard Nykke, late archdeacon of Wells.

Grant of 40 days of grace to Thomas Harries, the treasurer, for certain benefits lately done by him to the church.

Grant of 20 days of grace to every other canon then present, without cotidians.

1500–1, Feb. 9.—James Rogers, clerk, admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Wanstre, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 84.

1500–1, Feb. 18.—John Gulloke, Richard Hemescote, William Grayver, priests, and Richard Smythe, deacon, brethren of the hospital or house of St. John Baptist in Wells, took the oath of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter, according to the ordinance of Lord Jocelin, sometime bishop.

1501, April 1.—Grant of 20 days of grace to Thomas Gilbert and Thomas Austell, as the other canons resident had on Jan. 2; the like to Peter Caresleigh, then absent; *sine fructu.*

Master Thomas Wade, scribe of the chapter acts, and Sir Hugh Vasy, vicar choral, have leave to visit St. James in Galicia; Vasy shall have no emoluments from the church, except the income of his stall, nor of vicars' commons, while he is away.

Agreement to submit to the arbitration of Richard, bishop of Rochester, as to the vacation of the vicarage of the parish church of Menede.

Ordered that the ordinances [*ordinacio*] of two chantries in the cathedral and in the chapel of the B.V.M. near the cloister, founded by Sir John Bicconell, be ratified and confirmed by their common seal.—*fo.* 84*d.*

1501, May 24.—Grant of 20 days of grace to every canon resident making actual residence this year.

Master John Becham installed by proxy in the canonry and prebend of Combe XII.

The bishop of Tine, chancellor, installed in person in the prebend of Compton Dunden.

* Richmond Herald. *See* Noble, *College of Arms, p.* 111.

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1501, May 26.—John Salter admitted a perpetual vicar.

1501, *kal. Jun.*—Master John Wilmott, *in decretis bachelor*, chaplain of the perpetual chantry at the altar of St. Edmund in the nave, surrendered the same into the hands of Robert Wydow, the sub-dean.—*fo.* 85.

Master John Willmote collated to one of the four chantries founded in the cathedral for the soul of bishop Bubbwith, now vacant by the death of Sir Robert Wade, the last chaplain.

1501, June 11.—Master John Lugwardyn collated to the canonical house where Master John Pykman late dwelt.—*fo.* 85*d.*

Sir John Atya, chaplain, collated to the chantry at the altar of St. Edmund in the nave, founded for the soul of bishop Ergham, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Abbot.

Sir John Abbot collated to the chantry of St. Saviour, the B.V.M. and all the elect at the altar of Holy Cross on the north side of the church, founded for the soul of Master John Storthwayt, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Atya.

1501, June 15.—Sir John Streynsham admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Dyndre, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1501, June 23.—It was objected against Sir John Braddon, vicar choral, (1) that whereas the sub-dean had often warned him to abstain from the company of Joan Millward, consort of John Millward, and from going to suspicious places with her, yet he did not so abstain; (2) that he had disturbed and abused Masters John Pykman and John Lugwardyn with opprobrious words, contrary to the statutes of the church. He made no sufficient excuse, and was suspended from his habit until further order.

1501, June 24.—Master Hugh Ing admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Cuddworth and Knoll, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 86.

1501, July 3.—Sir John Braddon, vicar choral, appeared, made full confession of his faults, and begged pardon of the sub-dean and Masters Pykman and Lugwardyn. He swore on the Gospels to amend, and was restored to his habit; until the feast of St. James the Apostle next he must stand in the choir in the second form and in all processions of vicars go between the lowest perpetual vicars; the sub-dean, when he shall please, may restore him to the stall of the vicar of the prebend of Tymbercombe [*sic*].

1501, July 10.—Master Thomas Beamount, provost of the church, installed by proxy in the canonry and prebend of Hasilbere, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 86*d.*

Confirmation of the above sentence on Sir John Braddon.

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1501, July 25.—Sir Richard Pomeray, clerk of the fabric, appeared and confessed that he had done unjustly and evilly in his office in taking down a great bell from the south tower of the cathedral church, and having it newly cast [*de novo fundendam*], without the authority or leave of the dean and chapter. He was pardoned on paying 5 marks for the raising and hanging the same.

The chapter gave leave to Sir John Braddon, vicar, to celebrate mass, and restored him to his former estate.—*fo.* 87.

Sir John Abbot, chaplain of the perpetual chantry at the altar of Holy Cross, has leave to go with the sub-dean, so long as the sub-dean shall be absent.

1501, Aug. 26.—Sir Hugh Veyzy, chaplain, presented to the vicarage of the parish church of Pokilcherche, in the diocese of Worcester, on the death of Sir John Peryman, reserving the yearly pension of half a mark to the dean and chapter.

1501, Sept. 10.—Confirmation of letters of manumission from the bishop to John Skorde of Compton Bishop's.

Oliver Grenden admitted a perpetual vicar.

1501, Sept. 13.—Sir Reynold Bray, knt., appointed steward, for life, of the hundreds, lordships, etc., belonging to the chapter, with a yearly rent or pension of 40*s.*—*fo.* 87*d.*

1501, Sept. 15.—Sir John Braddon, perpetual vicar, was charged with neglect of his duties and opprobrious words to the sub-dean; he confessed his offences, and was deprived of his habit until the feast of All Saints, taking no commons in the meantime.—*fo.* 87.

Accounts of Richard Pomerey, Keeper of the Fabric, from Michaelmas, 1500, to Michaelmas, 1501.

Receipts.

Received from oblations in pixes	2*l.*	12*s.*	1½*d.*
Sales: lead	2*l.*	12*s.*	2*d.*
3 sheets of glass		2*s.*	6*d.*
9 semes of Walschboards		6*s.*	0*d.*
celingnails			4*d.*
a pair of agate prayer-beads			7*d.*
Collected by the bishop's commissary and the archdeacons of Wells and Taunton ..	1*l.*	16*s.*	8*d.*
Arrears of St. Andrew's pence from Pylle ..			8*d.*
32 legacies	2*l.*	11*s.*	4*d.*
2 rings		1*s.*	1½*d.*
2 gold rings	1*l.*	17*s.*	6*d.*
St. Andrew's briefs: deaneries of Bath and Ratclyffe	2*l.*	15*s.*	4*d.*

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Frome, Axbridge and Poulet	4*l.*	3*s.*	9½*d.*
Cary, Merston, Ilchester and the jurisdiction of the dean of Wells	5*l.*	9*s.*	7*d.*
Crukern, Taunton, Dunster, Bridgwater and the jurisdiction of Glaston ..	10*l.*	11*s.*	10*d.*
Vacancy of vicars' stalls	21*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

Paid workmen's weekly wages	11*l.*	7*s.*	6*d.*
Expenses of collection of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew	6*l.*	9*s.*	7*d.*
Paid for a hogshead of oil	1*l.*	16*s.*	8*d.*
carriage from Bristol		1*s.*	9*d.*
To the king's players		6*s.*	8*d.*
the queen's		6*s.*	8*d.*
and the prince's		6*s.*	8*d.*
Carriage of the hammer of the bell		1*s.*	8*d.*
Table expenses of John Whyte, testing the sound of the great bell		1*s.*	10*d.*
Mr. Robert Pemberton, for bringing a cope by command of the chancellor		1*s.*	8*d.*
Bars and hooks above the nave of the church		1*s.*	0*d.*
Crampetts of pipes to the cistern of the aqueduct		2*s.*	0*d.*
Mending the hammer of the great bell		13*s.*	4*d.*
Brass pipe for the aqueduct in the Palm churchyard			6*d.*
Bread and beer for workmen at bringing and hanging the bell		3*s.*	0*d.*
4*qrs.* of coal		2*s.*	4*d.*
2 ells of linen cloth for the bishop at the consecration of the new bell		2*s.*	4*d.*
To Thomas at the Antelope for making divers things for bringing the great bell, &c.		13*s.*	4½*d.*
During vacancy of vicars' stalls, for Mass, Gospel and Epistle	3*l.*	4*s.*	2*d.*
Received legacy of William Cokell	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Donation towards making the great bell, by decree of the chapter	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Hopeless debts to be omitted from the rolls :			
of John Haydour	2*l.*	6*s.*	3¾*d.*
of Robert Wilson, late prebendary of Timberscombe	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
of the prior of Barlynch, for 23 years ..	7*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*

Stock : Tin, 151*lbs.*, spent on the church 100*lbs.*; lead, 750*lbs.*, bought 5,769*lbs.*, spent on the church 2,400*lbs.*, sold 1,319*lbs*; spikenails, bought 150, used for the church 72 [? 62], remaining 88; board nails 300, used 250; hatch nails 460, bought 2,000, used for the church 2,100, remaining 360; tack nails, bought 1,000, used 700; lead nails, bought 1,000, used 800; lathnails,

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bought 1,000, used 200 ; white glass, 11 sheets, sold 3 ; coloured glass, 2 bouncher.

1501-1502.

1501, St. Jerome's Day, Sept. 30.—Collation to priories and chantries etc., similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 88.

Clerk of the fabric : Pomeray.

Sub-treasurer : Fox.

Communar : Addiscote.

Tabular : Capron.

Escheator : nominated by the vicars, Jenyns, Voysy and Capron ; chosen by the canons, Jenyns.

Auditors : Vowell, baron, Cornissh and Pykman ; in the absence of Vowell, Stevyns to be baron.

Keepers of the library : The sub-dean [Robert Wydow] and Carseleigh.

Scrutators of canonical houses : The sub-dean and the succentor [Lugwardyn].

1501, Oct. 1.—Grant to the chancellor [Thomas Cornissh] and the succentor [Lugwardyn] of a tenement in Wells, called the *hospicium de le Antilope*, for 80 years, at a yearly rent of 4*s.* ; they must rebuild it [*de novo edificabunt*] and repair and maintain it at their own expense.—*fo.* 88*d.*

1501, Dec. 7.—Master Thomas Harries, treasurer, appointed steward of the church for the ensuing year, during which time, when present in Wells and making his residence, he shall have his accustomed cotidians ; and also, when riding abroad to hold courts or on other business of the church, he shall have his cotidians as a simple canon, viz : 8*d.* a day, and not more ; if he goes out of Wells on his own business, he shall have no cotidians ; he shall have all days of his absence in complement of his residence, *sine fructu.*

1501, Dec. 20.—Grant of 40 days to every canon residentiary, without cotidians ; but if any canon shall go the way of all flesh before completing his necessary residence, not counting the said 40 days, then the 40 days shall not count towards completion ; and so at great commons [*ad magnam comunam*] the 40 days shall stand to each canon, wishing to absent himself, in supplement of his necessary residence, without fruit, that is daily distributions [*absque fructu, hoc est, cotidianis distribucionibus*].—*fo.* 89.

Sir J. Stadford, for his good service to God and St. Andrew, may have 20*s.* reward from the master of the fabric at Michaelmas next, and especially because he has no chantry this year.

1501–2, Jan. 2.—John Predioux admitted a perpetual vicar.

1501–2, Jan. 29.—Masters John Pykman, archdeacon of Bath, Richard Mayow, S.T.P., Thomas Gilbert and Richard Hatton,

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decretorum doctores, appointed proctors of the chapter at the convocation at St. Paul's, London, on Feb. 14 next. Pykman and Gilbert to have all the days of their absence in complement of their residence, without cotidians.

Gilbert Jacob [vicar choral] confessed that he had committed adultery, and submitted to correction.—*fo.* 89*d.*

John Salter, vicar [choral], confessed that he had violently beaten a woman called Katherine ; on the Saturday following he was sentenced that throughout the week he should be in the choir at all canonical hours, both day and night, and at high masses, from the beginning to the end, taking nothing for commons or other emoluments in the mean time.

1501–2, Jan. 29.—All the vicars choral are warned that henceforward they must come to the choir and be present in canonical hours, both day and night, and must not leave the choir, wandering round about by the columns of the church during service, until high mass and other canonical hours are sung and fully ended, under penalty of losing commons for that day ; excepting those of great age, or having weakness of body or infirmity, or other just and reasonable cause, to be sworn to at the next chapter. Every vicar guilty in the premises, whether from negligence or contumacy, shall have five public warnings, and if he do not amend, he shall be held incorrigible and contumacious and shall incur the penalty of the ancient statute and be expelled.

The sub-dean, for the first, second and third time and peremptorily, warned all vicars deputed to any office of the church that henceforth they must be present at the first matins of every feast day throughout the year, under the penalty above mentioned, saving lawful impediment ; at other times they are excused by reason of their offices.—*fo.* 90.

1501–2, March 4.—Grant to Master John Pykman, archdeacon of Bath, proctor of the chapter in convocation, of all his days of absence, viz. from Dec. 30, when he started for London, to his return on the penultimate of February, *sine fructu.*

Grant of 20 days of grace to every canon residentiary, without cotidians.

Grant to the sub-dean of the canonical house where Master John Lugwardyn lately dwelt.

1502, April 5.—John Salter, vicar, confessed that he had laid violent hands on Sir Hugh Voulez, chaplain and vicar ; he was sentenced to be suspended from his habit until the feast of St. Jerome next, receiving no commons or other emoluments meanwhile.

1502, May 4.—Confirmed a grant by the bishop to William Wodde and Agnes his wife and Richard their son, of a close

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called Brereruding, containing 34 acres, lying within the manor of Wyke near Pokluchurch, co. Gloucester, for their lives and that of the survivor.—*fo.* 90*d.*

Sir Robert Tresewell presented to the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Chiltren Dommer ; he gave a bond in 100 marks that he would not disturb, molest or make any suit for augmentation of his vicarage.

1502, May 14.—Sir Robert Brixwik [?], chaplain, nominated to the parish church or chapel with cure of Estlangbroke Gundenz [?].

Grant of 20 days to Master John Vowell, lately at London on business of the church, without cotidians.

Grant to Master Peter Caresleigh of 4 days during which he was occupied in holding their courts, *sine fructu.*

1502, May 28.—John Standerwike, vicar choral, received a first warning for neglect of duty.

1502, June 8.—William Cousyn, *decretorum doctor*, dean of Wells, appeared in the chapter house before Masters Robert Wydow, sub-dean, John Pykman, archdeacon of Bath, Thomas Beaumonte, provost, John Vowle, John Stevyns, Thomas Thomeo, Hugh Yng and John Butomb [?], canons, and took the oath, according to custom, and was afterwards installed.—*fo.* 91.

1502, June 17.—Master Peter Caresleigh deputed to go on the church's business to Lydeard Bishop's and Chiltren Dommer ; he shall have 6 days of grace, *cum fructu.*

1502, Aug. 11.—Grant of 20 days of grace, without cotidians, to Master John Vowell.

1502, Aug. 16.—The dean and all the canons residentiary, being present at the ordinarial visitation of the bishop, at his request granted to (*blank*) the office of common labourer and plumber of the church, at the accustomed fees and wage.

1502, Aug. 18.—Sir Hugh Vaysy, vicar choral, has leave of absence from Michaelmas next until Easter, taking nothing as emolument of the church or as vicars' commons, save only the receipts of his stall.

1502, Sept. 4.—Thomas [Cornish], bishop of Tine, installed as precentor, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 91*d.*

John Pykman, *decretorum doctor*, installed as chancellor [*vice* Cornish].

Thomas Thomeo installed as archdeacon of Bath [*vice* Pykman].

1502, Sept. 11.—Sir John Stevyns, canon, nominated to the perpetual vicarage of Cheddre, at the special request of the bishop.

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1502, Sept. 17.—A second warning given to John Standerwyke, vicar choral.

1502, Sept. 18.—Master Thomas Rowthall, *decretorum doctor*, admitted canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Tymberescombe, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1502, Sept. 20.—Grant to Robert Pemberton, clerk, and others, of the next presentation to the chapel or church of Alverton, in the diocese of Bath and Wells.—*fo.* 92.

Master Robert Wydow, sub-dean, appointed steward of the chapter for the ensuing year.

The sub-dean, precentor, chancellor and John Stevyns [all present] unanimously agreed that henceforth no one of them in the absence of the others would consent to grant any grace of days, general or special, in complement of residence of canons, as has been done heretofore.

The precentor and Master Broke, gent., appointed proctors to levy, recover and receive certain ancient debts from J. Llewyllyng of Poklechurch and others, and if necessary to sue for the same.

The bishop of Tine, the precentor, Masters Richard Mayow, Richard Hatton and Thomas Thomeo, canons, appointed proctors for the chapter at the convocation summoned at St. Paul's, London, for Feb. 14, and afterwards prorogued to Oct. 11 ; grant to the bishop of the whole time of his absence therein, *sine fructu*.

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1502, St. Jerome's Day, Sept. 30.—Collation to priories, chantries, etc., similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 92*d.*

Clerk of the fabric : Pomeray.

Sub-treasurer : Fox.

Communar : Addiscote.

Tabular : Capron.

Escheator : nominated by the vicars, Jenyns, Capron and Clerke ; chosen by the canons, Jenyns.

Auditors : Stevyns, baron, the sub-dean and Carseleigh.

Ralph Stafford, vicar, has leave of absence to the second day after Martinmas.

1502, Oct. 1.—Grant to Gilbert Jacob, vicar choral, of a reward of 26*s.* 8*d.*, to be paid by the master of the fabric from a vacant stall at Michaelmas next.—*fo.* 93.

Edward Prowce admitted a non-perpetual vicar.

1502, Oct. 3.—Confirmation of the bishop's writing, manumitting Thomas and Nicholas Hawkyns, his natives on the manor of Banwell.

1502, Oct. 6.—William Hichman, abbat of Strateford Langthorn, installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe XV, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

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Master Christopher Ursywyke admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Eston-in-Gordano, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1502, Oct. 8.—Confirmation of a grant made by the dean to Sir William Basset, chaplain, for life, of the church of Marke.

1502, Oct. 12.—Confirmation of the bishop's grant of the manor of Compton Bishop's to his sister, Elizabeth Cousyn, and Robert Cosyn her son, for 60 years.—*fo.* 93*d.*

1502, Nov. 19.—Master Thomas Beaumounte installed as archdeacon of Wells, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

William Rawlyns installed by proxy in the provostship of the cathedral church.

Master John Mertok installed by proxy in the prebend of Hasilbere.

1502, Nov. 25.—Master Thomas Harries, the treasurer, appointed surveyor of the fabric of the new chancel of the parish church of Northcory, and granted 40 days of grace, *sine fructu* ; he was also to have a chamber and hay for his horses when on the said business.

1502, Dec. 22.—Sir John Yaa, chaplain, resigned the chantry at St. Edmund's altar in the nave, founded for the soul of Ralph Erghum ; he was appointed to one of the four chantries founded for the soul of Nicholas Bubbwith, vacant by the death of Sir John Hampton. Sir William God, chaplain, appointed to the chantry at St. Edmund's altar.—*fo.* 94.

1502, Dec. 23.—Master Nicholas Halleswell, M.D., installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe III, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1502–3, Jan. 14.—Thomas [Cornish], bishop of Tine, and Peter Careslcigh, appointed proctors to settle the controversies between the dean and chapter and the prior and convent of Bruton as to a pension issuing out of the parish church of Chiltren Dommer ; with full discretion.

Sir John Broghyng, vicar choral, on account of his age and infirmities, has license to be absent two nights a week from matins in the night, over and above the two nights allowed to the vicars by custom, but he must be present three nights ; he shall receive his whole commons weekly for those three nights, as though he had been present at all matins during the week.—*fo.* 94*d.*

1502–3, Feb. 13.—Every canon residentiary who was actually resident last year may this year have in complement of his residence, every week until Michaelmas, two days of

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grace [*dies graciosos*] at his pleasure, so that he actually reside in the city of Wells at least one day between Sunday and Sunday in each week, and not otherwise.

Lease to the bishop of Tine, the precentor, and his successors of a vacant piece of ground [*unum vacuum solum*] lying on the east of the churchyard wall, between the wall and the tenement of the precentor and his successors, for 99 years, paying yearly as appears in an indenture made thereof under the common seal.

1502–3, Feb. 22.—Master John Mertok was installed as succentor, in the person of Master Robert Wydow, his proctor.

A writing by the bishop, granting the manor of Compton Bishop to Elizabeth Cousyn and Robert Cousyn, was cancelled. A grant by the bishop of the manor of Blackford to the said Elizabeth and Robert was confirmed.

1502–3, March 2.—Master Hugh Yng, lately admitted a canon residentiary, may have days of grace in similar form to the grant of Feb. 13 last.—*fo.* 95.

1502–3, March 7.—Sir Richard Pomeray, vicar choral, for his good and diligent service, has license not to attend matins in the night time hereafter; he may receive his vicar's cotidians without any diminution.

1502–3, March 14.—Master Thomas Thomeo, archdeacon of Bath, appeared and said that he wished to begin his residence, and prayed to be admitted; he paid 100 marks caution money. He was admitted [a canon residentiary] and granted days of grace according to the grant of Feb. 13 last. He may reside in the house of any residentiary or elsewhere within the town at his pleasure until Whitsunday [*dominica in albis*], so that in the meantime he may be the better able to repair and prepare his house of residence.

1503, April 11.—Confirmation of the grant of two special days of grace in each week until Michaelmas (made on Feb. 13 last) to each canon residentiary, but so that he take no daily distributions on those days, but enjoy them *sine fructu*.

At the desire of the bishop it was agreed to perform the will and desire of the king and to make prayers and supplications in the cathedral for the health and good estate of the king, according to the form and ordinance of other cathedral churches.—*fo.* 95*d.*

1503, April 26.—Grant of 40 days of grace to every canon, present or absent, making actual residence this year, to be used before Michaelmas next, without cotidians; provided always that these 40 days shall not be allowed to any one of them unless he shall first consent to the grace of two days approved of on April 11.

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1503, May 6.—Sir John Draper, chaplain, admitted master of the schools, on taking the oath of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter and swearing to exercise his office according to the ancient custom of the cathedral.

1503, May 27.—Master George Perse installed by proxy in the prebend of Ilton, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

Master William Barons, LL.D., installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe IV, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1503, May 30.—John Bray installed by proxy in the prebend of Lytton, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1503, June 21.—Sir John Abbot, chaplain at the altar of Holy Cross in the cathedral, has license to ride to London with the sub-dean [Robert Wydow] and to be absent from his chantry so long as the sub-dean is absent; another chaplain must supply his place in the meantime.—*fo.* 96.

1503, June 22.—Decreed that henceforward no canon residentiary should enjoy the grace of two days a week, granted on Feb. 13 last, without prejudice to any enjoyment of it from that day to June 22; each canon making actual residence this year to have 30 days of grace, without cotidians.

1503, July 6.—Thomas Legate admitted a vicar non-perpetual.

1503, Aug. 8.—Sir John Wellyngton, abbat of the monastery of Athelnay, admitted a canon and installed in person in the prebend of Longsutton; he paid his caution money 80*l.* [?], 13*s.* 4*d.* to the sacrist and 3*s.* 4*d.* to the scribe of the acts.

1503, Aug. 11.—Grant to Master Thomas Thomyow, archdeacon of Bath, of the canonical house late in the tenure of Master Thomas Gilbert, at the accustomed rent, also a close of meadow adjoining thereto on the north, which he shall hold at a rent of 20*s.* so long as he dwells in the said house.

1503, Aug. 14.—Master Alexander Hody, *in decretis bachelor*, admitted as chancellor of the church and co-brother, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Hasilbere, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 96*d.*

1503, Aug. 17.—Grant to Giles Daubnay, lord of Daubnay, of the office of steward of all the chapter's lands and lordships, to hold for life and to be exercised by himself or his deputy, with a yearly fee of 40*s.* at Michaelmas.

1503, Aug. 29.—(The day of the death of Oliver [King], bishop of Bath and Wells.*)—Master Thomas Harreis installed

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by proxy in the prebend of Hengstrigge, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

Master Hugh Ynge installed in person in the prebend of Estharptre, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

Accounts of John Jenyns, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1502, to Michaelmas, 1503.

Receipts.

Oblations: at the trental of Mr. John Vowell			2½*d.*
at the burial of John Hampton			6*d.*
on the anniversary of Mr. John Lugwardyn			1*d.*
at the burial of Mr. John Pikman			10*d.*
his mortuary			4*d.*
at his trental			6*d.*
at the burial of Oliver, bishop of Bath and Wells		1*s.*	0*d.*
Obits.—Christmas term: Thomas Hooper, 15th year	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Lady Day term: John Nabbe and Alice his wife	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Richard Erle		6*s.*	8*d.*
Midsummer term: John Gunthorpe, late dean of Wells	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Vacant prebends: Combe III, by the death of Mr. Michael Cleve	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Tymberscombe, by the death of Mr. John Lugwardyn	8*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Combe XV, by the death of Mr. John Vowell	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Eston Gordon, by the death of Mr. John Seymur	8*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Brent and Huish, by the death of Francis, archbishop of Busantinus and Prince of the Holy Empire, 40*l.* [*cancelled*].			
Long Sutton, by the death of the abbat of Athelney	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

Paid to 43 persons from Combe III	3*l.*	6*s.*	3½*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	13*s.*	6½*d.*
the king's tenth		5*s.*	4*d.*
the farmer for good payment			8*d.*
To 42 persons from Timberscombe	3*l.*	19*s.*	7½*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	19*s.*	11*d.*
vicar choral for the stall	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
the king's tenth		5*s.*	4*d.*

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To 40 persons from Combe XV	3*l.*	3*s.*	4*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	11*s.*	9*d.*
the king's tenth		10*s.*	8*d.*
to the farmer for good payment			8*d.*
To 42 persons from Eston Gordon	4*l.*	7*s.*	6*d.*
deceased's portion	2*l.*	3*s.*	9½*d.*
vicar choral for the stall	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
expenses in collecting rent		8*s.*	0*d.*
to the farmer			4*d.*
To 40 persons from Long Sutton	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To 27 persons from the mortuary of Mr. John Pickman	3*l.*	19*s.*	10½*d.*

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1503, St. Jerome, Sept. 30.—Collation to priories, chantries, etc., similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 97.

Clerk of the fabric: Orchard. Addiscote refused on the ground of infirmity.

Sub-treasurer: Fox.

Communar: Capron. Pomeray refused for certain good reasons.

Tabular: Morys.

Escheator: Jenyn, Vaisy and Capron nominated by the vicars; Vaisez chosen by the canons.

Auditors: Stevyns, baron, the sub-dean [Wydow], and Austell.

1503, Oct. 1.—[John] Prediaux, vicar choral, has leave of absence until Michaelmas next, for pursuing his studies at Oxford or elsewhere in England, and not otherwise; he shall take nothing for the monuments [*sic*] of the church nor for vicars' commons during the time of his absence.—*fo.* 97*d.*

Grant to Robert Widow, sub-dean, of the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Bokland Abbatis, in the diocese of Salisbury.

Ordered that in the cathedral church of Wells as heretofore, on all double feasts, at second vespers, a responsory be solemnly sung, any statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

1503, Oct. 22.—Master Hugh Yng inducted by proxy as succentor on the death of John Martok, pursuant to mandate of the king, *sede vacante.*

1503, Oct. 24.—Master Thomas Goldwege installed in person in the prebend of Cudworth, pursuant to mandate of the king.

Master Thomas Wade, scribe of the acts, collated to the perpetual chantry at the altar of St. Stephen, for the soul of Sir Stephen Hulle, sometime canon, and now vacant by the appointment of Thomas Goldwege as canon.

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Master Thomas Goldwege admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100 marks caution money.

Grant of 40 days to every canon making actual residence this year; without cotidians. If any canon die before he has completed his necessary residence not counting the 40 days, he shall not benefit by them.—*fo.* 98.

Grant to Thomas Goldwege of the canonical house which Robert Wydow, sub-dean, lately occupied; also leave of absence until Christmas next, so that the house may be repaired and prepared; he may have cotidians in the meantime when he is in the town

1503, Nov. 11.—Master William Cousyn, the dean, admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100*l.* caution money; he had leave of absence until Christmas next, and was allowed the benefit of the 40 days of grace granted on Oct. 24.

1503, Nov. 12.—Master Roger Churche admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe IV.

1503, Nov. 26.—Master John Cole admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe VIII, pursuant to mandate of the king.—*fo.* 98*d.*

1503, Dec. 3.—Master Roger Churche admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100 marks caution money and was allowed the benefit of the 40 days of grace granted on Oct. 24.

1503, Dec. 15.—Walter Philipp admitted a vicar non-perpetual.

1503, Dec. 17.—Master Thomas Wade, chaplain, instituted to the chantry at St. Stephen's altar for the soul of Sir Stephen Hulle, late canon, vacant by the appointment as canon of Thomas Goldwege, the last chaplain.

1503, Dec. 21.—Ordered that a certain bill made and contracted with the consent of the canons on Dec. 24, 1502, as to the new building of the chancel of the parish church of North Cory, to be done by Master Thomas Harreis, ought to be registered in the register book of the chapter. The bill follows. The chancel was wholly ruinous and had to be rebuilt. Harreis was requested by the chapter to undertake the work, which he agreed to do, and to pay all expenses, which were to be repaid yearly upon the account of great commons [*super compotum magne commune*] at the rate of 20*s.* a year from the portion of each residentiary, beginning with the division of great commons [*in divisione magne commune*] in 1503. The total cost came to 52*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* [*sic*]. Eight residentiaries this year paid 8*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* [*sic*], leaving a balance of 44*l.* [*sic*], which they bound themselves under the common seal to pay.—*fo.* 99.

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Ordered that henceforth the official of the peculiar jurisdictions of the dean and chapter shall have for his fee 20*s*., as wont, in those years in which he raises [*levat*] by his office 20*s*. or more ; in other years he must rest content with the sum he actually makes.

Ordered that in future the residentiary chosen to act as steward of the church shall not claim nor have all the days of his year of office *cum pleno fructu*, because that is not conformable either to praiseworthy custom or statute, but rather, corrupt ; but according to the tenor of the statute he shall have *cum pleno fructu* all days when he is actually on his business and going and coming. And to encourage his diligence it is decreed that he may have at his pleasure 10 days *cum fructu pleno* in each term of his office, for doing his own business, and another 10 days in each of those terms, in complement of his residence, without cotidians. He shall omit nothing of the escheats of his year, unless it be for the mortuary of the body of a private person [?] ; if absent he shall take nothing for processional days, unless he is on actual business of the church, for this was ordained only *ad decorem solemnitum*. [Marked *vacat*.]—*fo*. 99*d*.

1503-4, Jan. 2.—Grant to Master John Biccham, canon, of the canonical house which Master Thomas Tomyow lately occupied, to be held by him until some new canon come into residence, paying yearly to the escheator the rent anciently accustomed.

Grant to Master Hugh Yng of all days up to the feast of St. Parnell next [May 31], in complement of his residence this year, if he live and survive that day, without cotidians.

Grant of 40 days of grace to all other canons making actual residence, without cotidians.

1503-4, Jan. 15.—Licence to Sir John Yaa, chaplain of one of the 4 chantries founded for the soul of Nicholas Bubbwith, to exchange his chantry for the perpetual vicarage of the prebendal church of Huwyssh.—*fo*. 100.

1503-4, Feb. 15.—Grant to William Cousyn, the dean, proctor for the chapter at the convocation to begin at St. Paul's on the 16th inst., of all the days of his absence from the beginning of convocation so long as it shall last and he shall be present ; without cotidians.

1503-4, Feb. 28.—The empty barn called Canon barn demised to Sir John Merler, master of the Hospital of St. John Baptist in Wells, for 6 years, at a yearly rent of 37*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*.

A messuage in High St., Wells, was lately granted to John Walshate and his assigns for 80 years ; the term is now extended to 99 years from the first day of the grant.

Grant to Thomas, bishop of Tine, the precentor, that he may hold and celebrate the office of the dead for the obit of

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Oliver [King], late bishop of Bath and Wells, Master John Lugwardyne and himself (Thomas), when he shall die, on the morrow of St. Jerome yearly for 99 years; for this he granted to the dean and chapter during the term a yearly rent of 30*s.* issuing from an inn [*hospicium*] called Antilope, which he holds of the dean and chapter, and from certain closes of meadow and pasture.—*fo.* 100*d.*

1503–4, March 18.—Master Thomas Austell, late elected to the office of steward of the church, renounced the office; he was granted 10 days of grace *cum fructu*. Master Peter Caresleigh was appointed.

License to John Jonynges, vicar choral, not to come to matins in the night time; nevertheless he may have the daily commons wont to be paid to a vicar attending both night and day hours.

1504, March 26.—Sir Oliver Grendon [a vicar choral], who should have read the Gospel, for neglecting to do so is suspended from the receipt of daily commons for a month, because, according to the statutes of the church, for a default of this kind he should be suspended from his habit for a month.

1504, April 1.—Confirmation of the license given above to Sir John Jonynges.

Master Thomas Beaumounte, archdeacon of Wells, admitted a canon residentiary; he deposited 100*l.* caution money. He may participate in the 80 days of grace granted to each canon residentiary this year, without cotidians; he was appointed proctor of the chapter, jointly with the dean, at the convocation, and was to have all his days of absence, *sine fructu*.—*fo.* 101.

1504, April 6.—The legacies of Oliver, late bishop, were received, viz.: 2 silver-gilt candelabra, weighing 101 *oz. di. di. quart.;* a holy-water vessel with a sprinkler, weighing 34⅜ *oz.*; 2 silver-gilt phials, weighing 29¼ *oz.*; a silver-gilt image of St. George, weighing 48 *oz.*, in exchange for an image of St. Andrew the Apostle, weighing 47 *oz.*, which St. George the dean and chapter received in place of St. Andrew because there are two images of St. Andrew in the treasury; all which legacies the bishop gave to the cathedral in honour of God, Blessed Mary, his mother, and St. Andrew the Apostle, so that his soul may be specially remembered among the dead benefactors of the church for ever.

1504, April 14.—William Harman admitted a vicar non-perpetual.—*fo.* 101*d.*

1504, April 20.—The dean delivered certain evidences and muniments relating to the lordship and mill of Northcory, situate on the water of Tone.

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Master Thomas Beaumount, archdeacon of Wells, restored to the dean and chapter 30*l.* by the hands of Richard Ronyon, which Master Thomas lately received in the name of the stock [*implementum*] of the provostship of the church, and he was bound by his written obligation to restore the same to the dean and chapter whenever the provostship should happen to pass [*dimittere*] by resignation, demise or death. Afterwards he received the obligation from them.

1504, *prid. kal.* May.—Sir John Godard admitted a vicar non-perpetual, and assigned to the stall of Combe VIII.

1504, May 5.—Masters William Cousyn, dean, Thomas Cornish, precentor, and Roger Church, canons residentiary, were deputed to ride to the manor of Northcory, to treat and communicate with the counsel of Lord Richard [Fox], bishop of Winchester, as to the course of the water of Tone and the mill lately built near the same within the said manor.

1504, May 6.—Sir Oliver Grendon, vicar-choral, was charged with having laid violent hands on Sir Hugh Voulez. He confessed, swore to observe the statutes of the church, and was restored to his former status. He and Sir Hugh Voulez were warned to abstain from the house of a suspected woman, Agnes Fere, on pain of losing their habits.

1504, May 10.—William Hychyns admitted a vicar non-perpetual.—*fo.* 102.

1504, May 11.—Grant of 10 days of grace to Master Thomas Austell; the grace of days granted to him on March 18 by reason of his office of steward was confirmed.

1504, May 13.—Sir John Manfeld, chaplain, collated to the chantry of Blessed Mary in the churchyard of Northcory, vacant by the death of Sir John Chaundeler. Sir William ———, the chaplain there, is to induct him.

The dean appointed proctor to solicit and carry out the business with the bishop of Winchester concerning the mill at Northcory; he shall have all days spent about the same in complement of his residence.

Agreed to have Thomas Hobbson as their auditor at the next audit, with a fee of 40*s.*, but without the fees of the exchequer arising from the reeves, but having his necessary expenses and costs, viz. parchment for the account rolls, provender of horses and other necessaries.

1504, May 14.—James Villers installed in the canonry and prebend of Tymberescombe, pursuant to mandate of the king, *sede vacante.*

Ralph Gardner, John Broghyng and John Claveleshay, vicars-choral, on account of their age and infirmities have

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license not to attend matins in the night, but each of them must be present at matins on all principal feasts and greater doubles under pain of losing commons for that week in which he makes default; otherwise they may have full commons.—*fo.* 102*d.*

1504, May 16.—Confirmation of the license, etc., granted to Sir John Jenynges on March 18 last.

1504, May 20.—Master Robert Dyker installed by proxy in the chancellorship, by the authority of William [Warham], archbishop of Canterbury and legate of the apostolic see.

Sir John Holme admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.

1504, June 10.—Master Thomas Godewege presented to the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Cheddre, vacant by the death of Sir John Stephyns.

1504, June 12.—Master Roger Churche presented to the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Northcory, vacant by the death of Sir John Stephnes.—*fo.* 103.

1504, June 20.—Decreed to have Thomas Hobson as auditor at the next audit with a fee of 40*s.*, with meat and drink for himself, his servants [*famulis*] and his horses during the audit, and with parchment, paper and other necessary expenses, but without the fees arising from reeves and bailiffs, which shall remain in the disposition of the dean and chapter.

1504, June 22.—The vicars-choral were urged to say certain prayers for the king, as more fully appeared in a table thereof; they agreed, being always anxious to obey the exhortations of the dean and chapter in such matters.

1504, June 26.—Sir John Aleyn, vicar-choral, brought a box containing certain evidences and muniments concerning the chantries of Master John Biconell, knt. [*sic*], which were received, etc.

1504, July 1.—The seal of the jurisdiction of the dean and chapter not being at hand, Master Thomas Goldwege, the official of the jurisdiction of the dean, was requested to seal with the seal of his office a mandate to the official of the dean and chapter to induct Master Roger Churche to the perpetual vicarage of Northcory; which he promised to do.

1504, June 29.—Master Robert Dykar installed in person in the chancellorship.—*fo.* 103*d.*

1504, July 19.—Sir William Capron, vicar-choral, presented to the perpetual vicarage of Northcory, on the resignation of Master Roger Church.

1503–1504.

1504, July 20.—William Knott admitted a vicar non-perpetual.

1504, Aug. 2.—Sir John Abbot, priest, admitted a vicar non-perpetual; of special grace he was granted license to celebrate mass for the soul of Master John Stotwhaite, in the chantry at the altar of Holy Cross, for the year following, taking for his stipend 5 marks out of the income of the said chantry.

1504, Aug. 26.—Decreed that a service of the dead [*servicium mortuorum*] may be solemnly had and celebrated in the cathedral for the soul of Oliver [King], the late bishop, on the feast of St. Augustine, bishop and doctor, and of special grace the statutes and ordinances to the contrary were dispensed with.

1504, Sept. 19.—Sir John Braddon was charged with neglecting to celebrate morning mass, to the grave scandal of the church and the detriment of his soul. He confessed that he had often done so. He was also charged with frequenting the company of Joan Millward, contrary to the orders of the chapter. He thereupon became abusive, and was suspended from his habit until further order.

1504, Sept. 28.—Sir John Braddon, vicar-choral, was charged with disobedience and abuse on several occasions; also that on Wednesday last he entered the choir without his habit during divine service; he confessed and submitted to punishment. He was ordered to go before the procession, with bare feet and head, with a surplice only over his gown, and a wax taper of 1*lb.* in his hand, in the manner of a penitent, on two Sundays, the 6th and 13th of October, etc. He did not appear to do his penance on the 6th, and sent the following derisive letter to Dr. Church:

Worshipfull maister doctor, it is soo, I have a litill besiness to doo, the which causith me that I may nott intende to do my penance. Wherefore I woll desire and pray you hartely, for the goode myndе that ye bere unto me, undeservid, for to do my penaunc this day for me.—*fo.* 104*d.*

On the same Sunday, as he confessed, he carried a long knife under his clothes.—*fo.* 105.

After various adjournments, Braddon was deprived of his office.—*fo.* 105*d.*

1504–1505.

1504, St. Jerome's Day, Sept. 30.—Collation to priories, chantries, etc., similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 104.

Clerk of the fabric: Orchard.

Sub-treasurer: Fox.

Communar: Capron.

Tabular: Morys.

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Escheator: nominated by the vicars, Vayzey, Ferr and White; chosen by the canons, Vayzey.

Auditors: Austell.

Keepers of the library: Caresleigh and Churche.

1504, Oct. 1.—Sir Robert Brown, chaplain, appointed to the chantry of St. Saviour, Blessed Mary and All Saints at the altar of Holy Cross in the north part of the church, founded for the soul of John Stortwhait, and now vacant by the resignation of Sir John Abbot.

Grant to Sir Amisius Powlet, knt., of the next vacancy of the chantry which Sir Richard Tyke now holds, so that he shall present a worthy and able parson.

Grant to the said Sir Amisius for life, for his good service, counsel and aid, past and to come, of a yearly pension of 26*s.* 8*d.*, to be paid by the communar.—*fo.* 106.

Grant to John Skewys, gent., of a pension of 20*s.*, in like form.

John Pole appointed feoderer of the dean and chapter, with a yearly pension of 13*s.* 4*d.*

1504, Oct. 5.—Master Robert Dykar, the chancellor, installed in the prebend of Cory, pursuant to mandate of the king.

The dean and the precentor were appointed proctors, and granted all the days of their attending [*intendencie*], in complement of their residence.

1504, Oct. 20.—Read certain letters of Pope Julius, dated at St. Peter's, Rome, Aug. 4, 1504, 1st year of his pontificate, announcing that he had translated Adrian [de Castello], cardinal priest by the title of St. Chrysogonus, from the see of Hereford to that of Bath and Wells, vacant by the death of Oliver, late bishop.

Masters Roger Chirche and Thomas Goldweg, pursuant to mandate of [Wm. Warham], archbishop of Canterbury, installed and enthroned the new bishop, in the person of his proctor, Master Polodorus Virgenius [*sic*], sub-collector in the realm of England, he having first taken the corporal oath according to the statutes and customs of the cathedral church of Wells.—*fo.* 106*d.*

1504, Nov. 12.—The dean was appointed special proctor to procure and solicit all business of the chapter at London and elsewhere in England, and especially concerning the bishop of Winchester; he shall be allowed all days of attending to this, without cotidians, and his expenses.

1504, Dec. 14.—Walter Philipp admitted a perpetual vicar.

1504, Dec. 23.—Master John Biccham,* canon and prebendary of Combe XII, was admitted a canon residentiary, and paid his

* Elsewhere spelt Bekham, Bekkeham.

caution money of 100 marks. He was granted the canonical house where Master John Austell late dwelt.*

1504–5, Jan. 11.—Master Bekham claimed from the dean, the proctor of master provost of the church, as he asserted, 26*s.* 8*d.* due to the said Master John [Bekham] by reason of his prebend of Combe XII for Christmas term last, which the provost was bound to pay within 15 days after every term. The dean, as proctor, said that he would pay under protest, without prejudice to the rights of the provost, and Master John answered that he was unwilling to receive the money under such protest. The dean then said *Valeat ut valere poterit.*†—*fos.* 108*d.*, 109.

1504–5, March 18.—Richard Gardener admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe XI, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 107*d.*

1505, April 5.—Grant to Thomas Goldwege of a piece of land pertaining to Canons' Barn, from the wall of the small garden before the window of the great parlour of his canonical house on the west of the barn, to the wall of Richard Triggo's garden on the north; paying yearly 8*d.* to the keeper of the barn.—*fo.* 107.

1505, April 12.—Grant of a yearly pension of 13*s.* 4*d.* to Master Nicholas Tramp [?], in consideration of his good counsel, past and to come.

1505, April 19.—Agreed to pay 51*s.* 8*d.*, to avoid distraint and other inconveniences, in respect of a subsidy granted to the king, for the houses called New Warkes in High Street and other houses in the city of Wells.

1505, April 25.—Master John Tayllour, *decretorum doctor*, admitted as canon and installed in the prebend of Wedmore III, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 107*d.*

1505, May 24.—Master Robert Dyker, the chancellor, granted to the dean and chapter (for this one turn only) power and authority to nominate and appoint a person as scribe and register of the dean and chapter and of their acts.

1505, May 24.—Grant of a yearly rent of 26*s.* 8*d.* to Edmund Mylle, esq., and Anne his wife, and the survivor of them, for their good counsel and service, past and to come; to be paid by the communar every Michaelmas.—*fo.* 108.

1505, May 27.—Master Robert Williamson admitted as clerk of the chapter and scribe of the acts.—*fo.* 110.

* This admission is also entered on *fo.* 108*d.*, where the name is spelt Bekham and the year is given as 1503.

† The year is not mentioned in the entry, which runs *anno domini, etc.* It follows immediately after the second entry of Bekham's admission.

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Master John Ednam, S.T.P., installed by proxy in the archdeaconry of Taunton and in the prebend of Mylverton I, annexed thereto, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.
Installed in person Aug. 21, 1505.—*fo.* 112*d.*

1505, May 26.—John Braddon, late a vicar-choral, renounced his vicar-choralship, and all right of appeal to the archbishop of Canterbury or to the pope in respect of his recent dismissal. —*fo.* 110*d.*

1505, July 18.—William Huchyns admitted a perpetual vicar.—*fo.* 111.

1505, July 21.—William Knott the like.—*fo.* 111*d.*

1505, July 22.—Master John Edmundys, clerk, admitted a canon, and installed in person in the prebend of Wedmore II, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 112.

1505, July 23.—Grant to Sir John Holme, vicar-choral, for his good and diligent service, of a yearly pension of 26*s.* 8*d.* during pleasure.

1505, Aug. 2.—Sir John Abbot admitted a perpetual vicar.

ACCOUNTS of WILLIAM CAPRON, the COMMUNAR, from MICHAELMAS, 1504, to MICHAELMAS, 1505.

Receipts.

Rent of the Antelope, let to Thomas, bishop of Tine, for 80 years		4*s.*	0*d.*
of houses near the Antelope		19*s.*	8*d.*
of the Hartyshed in Sadler St., let to Henry Cornish, with 2 adjoining messuages, besides 16*s.* in Barliche account	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
of Thomas, bishop of Tine, precentor of Wells Cathedral, for an empty spot in the west of the churchyard at the back of his tenement in Sadler St. ..		16*s.*	0*d.*
From vacant churches in the archdeaconry of Wells	6*l.*	8*s.*	5½*d.*
in the archdeaconry of Taunton		13*s.*	4*d.*
of Chewe church	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Sealing: received of Thomas Betyman, the bishop's native	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

Paid the prior of Montacute, collector of king's subsidy	17*l.*	19*s.*	4¾*d.*
to commissioner for taking choristers for the king's chapel		10*s.*	0*d.*

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to the under-sheriff, for not returning a writ directed to him about Knappe Mills		6*s.*	8*d.*
to the servant of the abbat of Glaston, bringing part of a fish called "a sturgyn"		1*s.*	0*d.*
and a hart		3*s.*	4*d.*
Searching evidences here at Wells as to the death of Nicholas Lotymer, knt.		13*s.*	4*d.*
Expenses at North Cory about Knappe Mills	1*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
To Nicholas Burges, king's collector of the subsidy, for lands, &c., in Wells	2*l.*	12*s.*	6*d.*
To the officer of the king's exchequer, for writing about the payment of tenth ..		6*s.*	8*d.*
To the treasurer, in part payment of 32*l.* ..	10*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Making calendar for escheats of the cathedral church		3*s.*	6*d.*
Repairs of North Cory chancel—leadwork ..		6*s.*	7*d.*
and of Wells New Work	1*l.*	6*s.*	7½*d.*
Expenses in the suit between Mr. Robert Widowe and John Braddon, 11*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*, whereof the chapter exonerated the communar of 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*			
Expenses of Alverton manor—To canons residentiary for celebrating Gunthorp mass at the Jesina altar of the Lady Chapel	6*l.*	1*s.*	8*d.*
obit of the same	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To residentiaries	280*l.*	4*s.*	11*d.*
Bydesham. Paid for 8 torches of wax, weighing 219*lbs.*	4*l.*	15*s.*	10*d.*
for things bought for the Treasury House, for new work there	1*l.*	18*s.*	8*d.*
scouring 2 candlesticks, 4 basins and 1 lectern, in the choir		6*s.*	8*d.*
a tin pot for fetching wine for altars ..		1*s.*	0*d.*
washing 100 pair of vestments		16*s.*	8*d.*
washing vestments hanging in the choir stalls			6*d.*
Barlych. Repairs of the battlement of North Cory chancel	5*l.*	14*s.*	4*d.*

1505–1506.

1505, Sept. 30.—[*A page is missing.*] Part of a lease from the bishop to Richard Ruyon, for 61 years, at a rent of 9*l.*, of two pastures called Fullewelle and Smaldon, and a right to purchase, at a price to be fixed by the homage, all strays happening within the said manor, after the year and a day [*cum superannuate fuerint*], he finding pasture for them in the

mean time. Dated July 24, 1505. Witnesses : John Rodney, knt., John Fitzjames, esq., Edmund Mylle, esq., John Pole and John Cupper.—*fo.* 113.

1505, Sept. 30.—Simon Everdon and John Godard, vicars-choral, were deputed to survey all ornaments of the chantries of the vicars-choral within the cathedral, and to make an inventory within 15 days ; also to state the value of the chantries.—*fo.* 113*d.*

1505, Oct. 4.—Master John Hans admitted a canon and installed in person in the prebend of Holcombe, on the death of Master Robert Wydowe, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1505, Oct. 5.—Master John Hans installed as sub-dean, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1505, Oct. 20.—Richard Philpot, clerk, admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Whitelakyngton, on the resignation of Master John Hogekyns, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 114.

1505, Oct. 30.—A letter sent to the priour of Montacu, etc., fro the chapitre of Welles :

Right worshipfull sir, we recommende us unto you. It is so that ye knowe right well howe dyvers compleyntes have been made, and dayly be, ayenst you and us unto my lord of Wynchestre for our myll at Northcory, that our myll and your miller shulde be the occasion of the grete floodes and drownyng of the medews, which in our myndes is not thought possible. Neverthelesse, to have my said lord good lord to you and to us, and to cesse all stryves and clamours, we shalbe contented to loes a quarter rent, and for that tyme to cause the floode yates of our said myll to be pulled up, so that the water shal have his full course, wherby it shall appere herafter whidder that our myll and your said myller bee the occasion of eny suche floodes and drownyng of the medows. My lord priour, we brethern of the chapitre of Wells purpose to send a lettre to my lord of Wynchestre, certifiyng hym that we purpose to pull up the flode yates, as above. Ye bee our tenauntes of the same myll ; wherfor we desire you to send us your mynde in the premisses, and ye to be abated a quarter rent ; and yet, though that the flood yates be pulled up, we undestand that the myll may goo right well this wynter tyme, and so nether ye nor we to have eny losse for that tyme. And so we truste by the quarter's ende to see the fault and occasion of the said drownyng of the medews, etc. And thus Jhesu preserve you. From Welles, the xxxti day of Octobre, 1505. By the brethern of the chapitre of Wellys.—*fo.* 115.

1505, Nov. 3.—Grant to William Cousyn, the dean (procuring certain business of the chapter with Richard [Fox],

bishop of Winchester, touching the mill at Northcory, and also certain business as to his own prebend), of all days until Christmas, *absque fructu et cotidianis distribucionibus.—fo.* 114.

Agreed that the book of statutes and the book called " Blak Registre " be chained in the great chest in the chapter-house ; the bishop of Tine, the precentor and steward undertook to have the chains made and a key for each canon residentiary, at the cost of the church.

1505, Nov. 4.—A lettre missyve sent to my lord of Wynchestre by the brethrin of chapitre, etc. :

Right Reverende fader in god, and to us moste singuler gode lorde, in oure mooste humble wyse we recommende us. Please it the same to understande howe that dyverse of the brethern of oure chapitre were with your officers at our myll of Northcory, and there hard the greves and complayntes which your tenauntes made. And where as it is thought by theym that our said myll shuld be the occasion of the grete floodes and drownyng of the medews, which in our myndes is not thought possible to be. Neverthelesse, to have you good lord unto us, as ye have ever beene, and also to cesse theyr clamours, we shalbe contented to lose a quarter rent, and for that tyme to cause the flood yates of our said myll to be pulled up, so that the water shal have his full course ; wherby it shal appere hereafter whether that our myll be the occasion of eny suche flodes and drownyng of the medews. And as for bote passage, your said officers knowe right well that in all the somer season the water is so lowe and so meny shelpes and bayes in the ryver betwene our myll and Taunton, that it is not possible to convey eny bote that way ; and in the wynter season the medewes be so filled and replenysshed with water, that the bootes may go over at every place, so that they shal not be lett by the myll. My lord, these thynges considered, we trust that ye wull contynue as good lord nowe unto us as ye have been beforn tyme.* And thus the holy trinite contynue you accordyng to youre noble desires. From Welles, iiijth day of Novembre.

By your dayly oratours, the brethern of the chapitre of Welles.—*fo.* 114*d.*

1505, Nov. 13.—Copy of the lettre sent fro M. William Cousyn, deane of the cathedral churche of Welles, unto the brethern of the chapitre of Welles :

Right honorable brethern, I recommende me unto you, certifiyng you that accordyng to your mynds concluded in the chapitre, I have spoken wit my lord of Wynchestre for our myll, and have moved hym both with reasons and prayers to be good lord unto us for the said myll, but in noo wyse I can not have his lordshipp at no conclusion but that he will have downe the bay of stone made by the priour. And at

* Richard Fox was bishop of Bath and Wells, from 1492 to 1494.

one season he said he wold be content to remytt his accion, but he wold have a commission sheywers, by the reason whereof he said he was sure to have his mynde. And after my pore mynde, it were better to putt the mater into gentilmen's haundes then to laboryng men of the cuntrey, for thay do speke upon will and make a grete clamour witoute reson, as ye may knowe opynly by the copy of a bille the which I send you by my servaunt, the which my lord of Wynchestre toke me to rede; and I, in the moste haste I cowde make, caused it to be wrytten, and gave xxx*d.* therfor, to th'entent ye shuld knowe the complayntes, and also the doblenesse of the priour of Mountacu or elles of his tenauntes. Wherfor, after ye have seen this my writyng, with the copy of the complayntes, I pray you send me your mynde, howe ye wold I shuld doo, and whidder I shuld conclude uppon a commission of the sheywers or uppon gentilmen of the cuntrey, to the which I thynk it wilbe hard to be brought. And as towchyng the openyng of the floode yates, as yet I can not bryng his lordshipp to apply therto, for he seith that he will not beleve his trusty counsell in saying nay, and me nor none of us in saying soo. Wherfor, in this matier I pray you send me your myndes, and the beest I can doo possible I shal doo; and if I may, I shal cause hym to bee content to prove the experyence of the plukkyng up of the floode yates, but as yet I can not have hym at no conclusion, nor I thynk shal not tyll the season Mayster Froste be come to London, the which was not come as this day at nyght, at the which season I spake with my lord of Wynchestre, as God knoweth, who preserve you. Wrytten at London, the xiijth day of Novembre, wit the hande of your brothre,

William Cousyn, deane of Welles.

I pray you kepe the copy of thes complayntes as secretely as ye can, for, if it were knowen that I did copy theym, it mygte paraventur turne to my rebuke.—*fo.* 116*d.*

A Bylle of Compleyntes.—*fo.* 118.

To the discrete counsaill of my lord of Wynchestre.

Shewethe unto your maystershipp the poore tenauntes of my lord of Wynchestre within the tythyng of Ruyssheton, parcell of the lordshipp of Taunton, that where tyme oute of mynde they were never accombered nor troubled in theire copyholdes by grete floodes of water of the ryver that commeth from Taunton towardes Brigewater, unto [until] nowe of late by reason of beldyng of a myll called Hammyll; for so it is, that if theyre fall eny reyne of water there, by stoppyng of the flood yates of the said myll as the floode may not passe, your said peticioners' medewes, common, and wallys of theyre howses, bee overflowen; which is and shal be, if it be not refourmed, to theyre utter undoyng, and also distruccion of theyre landes and tenauntes. And over this, by occasion of the premisses the highe wayes there aboutes be so infoundered that the poore tenauntes and inhabitantes aforesayd may

nether go to there ground with horse nor cartt to mayntene there land; For noonmayntenaunce wherof we be not able to lyve and pay oure rent. Please it your maystership to understand that it is not oute of your remembraunce that we have oftymes past complayned unto you of the annoyance aforsaid, and as yet can have no remedye. Wherfore we nowe eftsounes mekely desire your maystership tenderly to considre the premisses, and to provide for a remedye herin. And we shal dayly pray to Almygty god for the noble estate of my lord of Wynchestre and your maystership long to endure. —*fo.* 118*d.*

Sheweth unto your maysterships the marchauntes and othre occupiours, tenauntes and inhabitantes unto our lord bisshopp of Wynchestre of his towne of Taunton, that where we, the said tenauntes, occupiours and inhabitantes and all othre marchauntes, tenauntes and inhabitantes of the same towne, owte of tyme of mynde, in the right of our said lord, have peasably used and hadd course, recourse and free passage upon the water of Toon, Bathepolemyll and Brigewater, for all maner of marchaundyses, corne, cole, stones, and all othre stuff by us bought and sold, unto [until] the tyme a mylle called Hammyll, which of tyme paste was arresed and newe made by the priour of Mountacu and the deane and chapitre of Wellys, by reason wherof your said peticioners bee stopped and letted of there said cariages, soo that in defaute therof in the wynter season we can have no cariage, the wayes be soo foundred by overflowyng of the water. Wher[as] if the said mylles hadde not be made, we shuld have hadde our cariages by water, and that in every ton better chepe by ij*s.* then the cariage is to cary it by land, to our grete charge, losse and hyndrances for lakk of conveying of oure marchandyse and stuff, and meny tymes of our premysses to suche persons as we bye and sell with, for lakk of cariage, by occasion aforsaid. Wherfore it will please your maysterships, in the way of charitie, to provide for the refourmacion of the premisses, and we shal pray for the prosperitee aswell of our said lord as of your said maysterships, long to endure.—*fo.* 119.

Pytuously complayneth unto your maysterships the pooro men duellyng nygh adjoynaunt to Hammyll, that where we be sore greved by reson of the same mylle, that is to say, our medewes, called Newe Medewes and Nate Medewes, and diverse othre our pastures, certayn grene corne, our hay, ofttymes drowned, our highwayes foundered, wherby we have been grevously amerced in the shire and soore troubled; the fordes depe worne, wherthorough we be sore charged to make a brigge for weynes and horses, every twoo or thre yere to be newe mended and made; oure bestes standyng in water, withoute mete; our corne and hay to stand long afeld, till it be almoste lost by cause we can have no good cariage home. And we have paied the moste parte of oure goodes for oure places, and nowe we can take but litil profite therof. And

oftentymes we have spoken therof in our courte, and can have no remedy. And we understand your maystership have auctorite to enquere of all maner hurtes and greves done by occasion of the same mylle. Wherfor we beseche your maistership, in the wey of charite, to have pite upon us, and to be our socour for reformacion herof, orelles we must nedes forsake our places, to our uttre undoynge. And we shal pray to god to send you long life after his pleasure.—*fo.* 119*d.*

Robert Hare, John Ball, Walter Chede, John Hamlyn, John Hessord, William Richard, Nicholas Wyndesore, and all the tenauntes of Creche and Ham to the priour of Montacu, will testifie the mylle doth grete hurte to the cuntrey, and specially to theym; and this bill was made and delyvered by these persons before named unto Maister Frost, for theire remedy, if it cowde be helpe.—*fo.* 120.

Please it your good lordship to understand that, accordyng to your commaundement, Maistre Thesaurer, Maister Mylle and I, at our late beyng at Tau[n]ton, met with my lord Tinens, Maister Symoundes and Doctor Tomyowe, of the churche of Wellys, and the stuard of the priour of Mountacu, at Hammylle; and ther was with us of your towne of Taunton Sir Thomas Greynefeld, Maister Newton, and meny of the moost honest merchauntes and tenauntes of your towne and lordship of Taunton, and also diverse of the abbot of Glastonbury tenauntes of the forsaid priour of Mountacu tenauntes, which be sore greved and annoyed by occasion of the said mylle, as your lordship may perceyve by the copyes of the billes of complaynte abovesaid, which were putt unto us before we mette at the said mylle; all which parties complaynauntes were there with us, and shewed unto theym of Welles there greves, as appereth in there said billes, and offered theymself to be sworne upon a boke, that there complayntes were true, etc. Wherupon we viewede the grounde, the water and the floode yates and bay of stone rered by the said priour, which be the cause of the said nusanz. And the forsaid personnes of Wellys cowde not denye but that your tenauntes of Taunton can have no passage wit botes by that mylle to Brigewater, as they ought to have, nor in maner denye but by the makyng of the said bay of stone and floode yates the water, when floodes bee, overflowen the grounde adjoynyng. And after long communicacion betwene us of the premisses hadd, they of the churche of Welles appoynted wit us to common wit me of their company and before Alhalowetyde to send writyng unto your lordshipp what direction they will take for refourmacion of the nusanses forsaid, which wilbe as in your myndes full hard to doo, oonlesse the said baye and floode yates be utterly take awaye and amoved from the growne of the water. And if by the meanes of your good lordship it may be soo doen, ye shal not oonly doo grete good to your owne tenauntes, but also unto meny othre, and have their prayers for ever. For undoubtedly, and this be not refourmed,

ye shal have grete losse in Ruysshton, for their bee nowe dyverse tenementes liyng in your handes, and no man will fyne for theym, etc. And also, ever sithe their Hammyll was made, ye have lost ijs. rent of a were that ye hadde there, etc. —*fos.* 120*d.*, 121.

And as touchyng the manour of Stanelynche, the lordship of Dounton which was Henry Higons, my lord, at our beyng there ther was Elisabeth that was the said Higons' wyfe, and shewed unto us a dede entended [? indented], beryng date the vth yere of King Edward the iiijth, by the which Richard [Beauchamp], bisshop of Sarum, John Suyfariore [?], clerk, and othre, lett the said manor and othre landes unto Sir Roger Tocotes for terme of vij yeres, the remaindre therof, after the said terme, unto Henry Higons and to Elisabeth his wyfe and to the heyres of the body of the said Henry, etc. She shewed no dede of feoffment by the which the forsaid bisshop of Sarum and othre were enfeoffed in the said manor, nor she shewed no lettre of attourney that the said bisshop and his coofeoffees shuld make to delyver season of the said manor to the said Sir Roger Tocotes, etc.; but she shewed a lettre of attourney that Sir Roger Tocotes made to oon Gregory Thornton and Thomas Thornton, to receyve for hym season of the said manor, etc. I have the copy of the said dede and lettre of attourney; and also I have in writyng the sayng of suche witnesses as she brought before Maystre Tresourer and me to testifie of the lyverey and season of the said manour, which prove not directly the lyverey and season therof, as your lordship shal more playnly see at my commyng to your good lordship, which I truste shalbe sone after Alholewetyde. I have apoynted wit Maistres Hugons that, if she have eny othre writyng concernyng the premisses, she to send it to London to hir counsayll, and they to awayte upon your lordshipp, to shewe it. And as [to] the occupacion of the said manour, I have taken a direction betwene Maister Wodshawe and the fermour therin, as your lordship writte unto me to doo.—*fos.* 121, 121*d.*

And as for eny othre grete mattiers we hadde not yet hidderto, as knoweth our lord god, who preserve your good lordship in body and helth, long to endure. Scribeled, the xiiijth day of Octobre, with the hande of your servaunt,

William Frost.

1505, Nov. 17.—Confirmation by the chapter of a deed by the bishop, dated May 2, 1505, manumitting John Buryman otherwise Gardyner, son of William Buryman otherwise Gardyner, a native belonging to his manor of Cranmer, with all his *sequela.*—*fo.* 115*d.*

The bishop's deed of manumission.—*fo.* 116.

Ordered that henceforward no stranger shall have any grant under the common seal unless he pay 4 marks, according to the ancient statues and ordinances.

1505–1506.

1505, Nov. 18.—The copy of the lettre sent from the chapitre to the deane.

Right worshipfull sir, we commende us unto you, lattyng you have knowlage that we have receyved your lettre, with the bill of compleyntes. And then there was a chapitre assigned. And there we communed and caste our myndes togeder to wryte to you, ye to common [? commune] ferther wit my lord of Wynchestre, and if it myght be brought to the conclusion that the floode yates myght be pulled up, as it was written in the lettre sent to my said lord, and by that way to see which shuld bee the cause and occasion of the grete floodes and drownyng of the medews, thoughe it were a loosse [loss], as it shuld be, to us, yet we wold hold us content. And in case my lord wil not conclude to take that way, then we wull and our myndes bee and fully concluded, that my said lord shal at his owne will and pleasur, chese [choose] whidder that this matier shalbe determyned by sheywyers or by certen gentilmen of the cuntrey; and so on our parte there shal nothyng be done which shal displease my said lord. Ferthermore we desire you to shewe unto his lordshipp that here hath been grete waters and floodes, and as yet, blissed bee god, none hurte, neythre drownyng of the cuntrey, but as it is and hath been tymes past oute of mynde. And thus Jhesu preserve you. From Welles, xviij day of Novembre.

By your brethern of the chapitre of Wells.—*fo.* 117*d.*

1505–6, Jan. 2.—Master Church, the steward this year, to sell the fallen wood [*silvam ceduam*] at Wynscombe and — oaks [?] at Whitechurche.—*fo.* 122.

Master Thomas Austell, canon, etc., having received 8 marks for his part of the 100 marks paid by Master J. Bekham for his caution, repaid the same in the chapter house, since he [Austell] was not a residentiary and resident this year.

1505–6, Jan. 16.—Master Thomas Goldwege, as proctor for Master Robert Dykar, the chancellor, protested that if it be ascertained that the presentation of the master of the schools or his deputy belongs by ancient custom to the chancellor, he wished to exercise that right, without prejudice to the bishop or the dean and chapter, and therefore he presented Roger Wynwode to the dean and chapter, to be admitted as master of the schools. Master Roger Churche, as vicar-general in spirituals, confirmed the presentation in the name of the bishop. The dean, with the consent of the chapter, admitted Wynwode, and assigned him a vicarial habit and a stall in the choir and other emoluments belonging to the office.

Wynwode took the oath of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter.—*fo.* 122*d.*

1505–6, Jan. 29.—Ordered that every canon residentiary for the year ending Michaelmas last shall out of his portion of great commons pay to Master Thomas Harryes 20*s.*, in part

payment of what is due to him for the rebuilding of the chancel of the parish church of Northcory.

The chapter consented to an exchange between Sir Robert Browne, chaplain of the chantry of St. Saviour, founded for the soul of Master John Stortwayte, and Sir William God, chaplain of the chantry at the altar of St. Edmund.—*fo.* 123.

1505–6, Feb. 6.—Sir William Capron, the communar, is to pay 20*s.* out of the great commons of each canon residentiary for last year, to Master Thomas Harryes, in respect of Northcory chancel. He is also to pay the arrears due to Masters Thomas Harryes and Hugh Yng.

1505–6, Feb. 9.—Frendes both, we recommennd us. So it is, we be enfourmed that a eerteyn tenaunt of ours withyn oure lordship of Gregory Stoke is departed unto god by a mysfortune of his ploughe ; by reson wherof the enquyre of his dethe apperteyneth unto us, accordyng to our libertees and fraunchesez which we have withyn the said lordshyp. These thynges considered we exhorte you and also pray you not to medle nor interrup us in oure jurisdiccion nor libertees forsaid, wheryn ye shal deserve oure right hertie thankes. And if ye ordre yourself othrewyse, we must and shal approve our libertees and fraunchesez to the beste we can or may, whiche we truste ye will not move us unto. And thus Jhesu preserve you. At Welles, ix day of Februarye.

By the chapitre of Welles.

To oure welbeloved frends, Cuthberte Clawsy and John Birt of Sowthpederton.—*fo.* 123*d.*

1505–6, Feb. 24.—Ordered that Master Roger Churche, the steward this year, shall sell great trees, as well as fallen wood [*silva cedua*], in all the chapter's manors.

1505–6, March 6.—License to Sir John Draper, *annuellarius* of the college and chaplain of the chantry of Corpus Christi in the cathedral, to be absent for one whole year from the Annunciation of Blessed Mary, and to celebrate where he will.

1505–6, March 10.—Confirmation of a lease for 60 years to Laurence Hampton of two cottages and 21 acres of land and pasture of Overland in the parish of Wynsham near Cherde, belonging to the provost of the cathedral.—*fo.* 124.

The lease is set out in full, from Master William Cousyn, the dean, as proctor of Master William Rawlyns, the provost.

Agreed that the mass founded and celebrated in the cathedral for the soul of John Gunthorp, late dean, shall cease from Saturday, March 14, 1505[-6] ; and if anyone shall afterwards celebrate that mass, he shall receive nothing for his labour.—*fo.* 125*d.*

1505–1506.

1505–6, March 14.—Grant to the dean and Master T. Beaumont,—appointed to negociate certain business of the chapter with the bishop of Winchester as to the mill at Northcory, and other business,—of all days of grace from March 23 to Easter, *cum fructu et cotidianis distribucionibus*, and with expenses to one of them, viz. to Master Beaumont.

1505–6, March 18.—Confirmation of a grant made by the communar to the cursor or messenger [*nuncio*] of the church.

Grant of 10 days of grace to the dean, being on the business of the church, in complement of his great residence [*magne residencie sue*], without fruit or cotidians.—*fo.* 126.

1506, April 3.—Copy of the lettre myssyve sent fro Master Beamount, archidiacon of Welles, to the brethern of the chapitre :

After due recommendacion, so it is that upon Monday, the last day of Aprile [*sic*], Mr. deane and I spake wit my lord of Wynchestre. The cause why we spake wit hym no soner was for his beyng at his manier of Assher, wher he gave ordres on Passion Sonday eve. When we hadde moved hym in suche matiers as we come for, we found hym somwhate roughe, sayng that he was dyvers tymes mysenformed by us, and that the king on the oon partie suffred wrong by reason of the stoppyng of his commyn streme, and also that his tenauntes were grevously hurt by the reson of our myll ; wit as soft maner and wordes as we cowde, [we] pacified his mynde for the tyme. The morne after we were wit hym ayen, and then he shewed us howe it was reason for hym aswell to yeve credence unto his counsell as to us, and that he wolde speke wit theym in the cause. Neverthelesse he yave us gentil and kynde wordes, lyke a nobleman, but as yet we have not our fynall answere. Ye wolde wondre what causes he hathe to do, and therfore we muste abyde hys leysere.

As to Mr. Hatton, we have not as yete spoken wit hym, but have dyverse tymes sought hym and also made messyngers unto hym, which have spoken wit hym ; and as we can understand, he purposeth to couple us wit the kinge's counsell in this matier, whiche we wolle avoyde, and if we can, to the best of our powers. We have moved my lord of Wynchestre in this cause, and he will not moche melle [meddle] theryn, because it toucheth the king. Hys mynde is, we shulde not be hasty upon the said Doctor Hatton, but to take hym at tymes convenyent, and to handle hym as wysely as we can.—*fo.* 126*d.*

We have in lykwyse made serche in the chancery for the ammortysement of Alverton, and as yet we can not fynd it. The vj clerkes of the said chauncerye be so besyed in the kinge's causes that they can attend to no pore men ; yet I assure you, by there licence Humfrey, my servaunt, hadd a sight of oon boke *ab anno vjto Henrici sexti usque annum xviij ejusdem.*

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Ye must pardon us, thoughe we can make no parfite answere to you at this tyme. And thus our lord spede both you and us. Written at London, this Friday, third of Aprile.

Your brothre, THOMAS BEAMOUNT.

1506, April 11.—Alan Wyse appointed clerk of the chequer* under the steward; he shall not take more than 8*d.* for a copy of a whole plea, 6*d.* for half a plea, and 4*d.* for others. If the steward shall find hereafter that he is not able or faithful, he shall deliver all books, rolls and other muniments belonging to his office to the steward and the chapter. He was sworn.

1506, April 19.—Gundissalve [Gundissalve Ferdinandi, *in margin*], clerk, admitted as canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Bukland Dynham, vacant by the death of Master Nicholas Goldwell, pursuant to mandate of the bishop. —*fo.* 127.

1506, May 2.—The lord of Tine, the precentor, and Master T. Beamont, archdeacon [of Wells], appointed to examine all ancient vestments, copes and other ornaments in the sacristy [*vestibilum*], which are not used, so that they may be converted to other uses.

1506, May 4.—A copy of a lettre myssyve, sent to the deane by the chapitre.

Right worshipfull Mr. deane, we, brethern of the chapitre of Wells, commende us unto you, thankyng the same for your lettre and labours that ye have hadde aboute out maters. So it is ye have sent us the copy of the privey seel that ye must appere by, etc. If it so bee that it be for eny mater of your awne, we knawe ye can answere for your self. And in case it be belongyng and touchyng us of the chapitre, then our myndes bee that ye shuld desire copyes of suche matiers and thynges as been layde ayenst us, and that ye may have reseonable space and leysere to com and common wit your brethern here at Welles and to have there myndes, and at a certen day reseonable, by you assigned, thay shal have answere in suche matiers as they lay and purpose ayenst us, by gode's grace, who ever preserve you. From Welles, iiijth day of Maye.

By the brethern of the chapitre of Welles.—*fo.* 127*d.*

* Translation doubtful. The word following *clericus*, apparently *cacii*, looks like an abbreviation for *caccarii*, genitive of *caccarium*. No such word, however, can be traced. The suggestion is hazarded that the word was formed from *scaccarium* by omitting the initial *s*, to denote a difference between exchequer and chequer or check. An officer of the royal household was known as clerk of the check or chequer, and the dean and chapter of Wells may have adopted this name just as they adopted the royal "exchequer" with its "baron."

1505–1506.

1506, May 13.—John Ustwayte to ride to London, to solicit the executors of John Gunthorp, late dean, for Alverton.

The precentor to inspect a broken mitre in the sacristy, and to have it mended.

1506, May 25.—Robert Merk admitted a perpetual vicar.—*fo.* 128.

Thomas Ferre, vicar-choral, has license not to attend matins in the night-time, except on principal feasts and greater doubles; he may receive commons as the other vicars-choral do.

The dean, the precentor and canon John Edmundes appointed proctors and solicitors for certain business at London, viz. the bishop of Winchester for the mill and other matters at Northcory, and the executors of dean Gunthorpe for Alverton, with full powers.—*fo.* 128*d.*

1506, May 30.—Copy of the lettre myssyve sent to Mr. Richard Hatton by the chapitre.

After due recommendacion, so it is that John Ustwayte, coexecutour wit you unto the right honorable Maister John Gunthorp, whose sowle god pardon, sheweth unto us howe that the kinge's grace demaundeth of you and hym CC markes for the benyvolence, accordyng as ye have written unto us afore tyme, and that neythre ye nor he can fynd remedye or discharge for the same. Wherupon he thynketh that the kinge's grace will have this money contented unto hym, or elles that by your meanes ye may fall to some compromysse wit the commissioners for the same. And by cause, as ye bothe afferme that ye have disposed [of] the goodes of the same Maister Gunthorpe, and have not to content or to paye any suche sommes of money of his goodes left or remaynyng in your handes, the said John Ustwayte with good mynde hath instantly moved us that we wold be contributorie unto the payement of the same by parte of suche lyvelode as the said Maister Gunthorpe gave and amortesyed unto our churche. Maister doctor, this it is. We knowe well and considre the good and feithfull mynde of this honorable man departed, howe he purchased this lyvelode, and therupon for the helth of his soule, at his grete labour and coste, and, by reason of a certeyn graunte made unto us by the kinge's grace, sufficiently amortesied the same, as we have to shewe by our writynges. Neverthelesse, as the said John Ustwayte hathe amoved us, seyng that ye have not of his goodes to content the kinge's grace, but that ye must levy hit of suche londes as he left to his kynfolkes and yave unto us, we must for a season surcesse of suche suffrage as we dayly doo for hym, and so to take a porcion yerly of his said lyvelode towardes the payment of the same somme, and the remanent to remayne for his masse and obite. Sir, we trust, considerynge the grete mynde and favour he hadde unto you, remembrynge also ye bee oon of the brethern of our churche, that ye will take of the same lyvelode

for the tyme as litle as ye may ; and thus orderyng yourselfe, we shalbe as gladde to folowe your mynde as ye shal desire us. Prayng you that ye will yeve credence to our brethern, berers herof, in that they shal move unto you in our behalf, to whome we yeve full auctorite to conclude with you for this matier and other we have to do. And thus Jhesu have you in his blissed kepyng. At Welles, the xxxti day of May.

By your lovyng brotheres, deane and chapitre of Welles.

To our welbeloved brother Maistre Richard Hatton, chapelayn to our sovereigne lord the king.—*fos.* 128*d.*, 129, 129*d.*

1506, July 18.—Grant of 40 days of grace without cotidians, to Canon Peter Carslegh, he having promised to build the battlement of the chancel of Northcory at his own expense.

1506, July 31.—Bernard Boerius, clerk, installed by proxy in the prebend of Yatton, vacant by the death of Jerome Boerius, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1506, Aug. 3.—John Thomson, clerk, installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe XV, vacant by the resignation of William Hichman, abbat of Stretford Langthorn, pursuant to the like mandate.

1506, Sept. 12.—Confirmation of a grant by the bishop to Master John Hans, the sub-dean, for life, of the garden or eastern close called "the Cameray," with the little close of pasture near it, as the stone wall from the eastern part of the palace touches and incloses it, which Master John Pykman and Edmund Mille lately held ; he must not demise it except to a canon residentiary. The bishop's deed is set out in full ; it reserves a rent of one mark ; dated March 23, 1505, 21 Henry VII.—*fo.* 130.

ACCOUNTS of RICHARD POMERAY, KEEPER of the FABRIC, from MICHAELMAS, 1505, to MICHAELMAS, 1506.

Receipts.

Rents of assize—Arable acre between Balerow and Milton, lately enclosed and ditched	4*s.*	0*d.*
Oblations : Pix of the B.M. at the choir door, 10*s.* 10*d.* ; St. Andrew at the west door, 3½*d.* ; B.M. in Jesina, 10½*d.* ; W. Button, 2*s.* 4*d.* ; St. Sythe, 1*s.* 8*d.* ; Holy Cross in the cloister, 16*s.* 3*d.* ; St. Saviour in the cloister, 3½*d.* ; 7 other pixes, *nil.*		
Total	1*l.* 12*s.*	0*d.*

1505–1506.

Sales : oil	2*l.*	11*s.*	8*d.*
wood	1*l.*	11*s.*	2½*d.*
1,481*lbs.* of lead	3*l.*	2*s.*	5*d.*
nails		5*s.*	6*d.*
coloured glass		2*s.*	8*d.*
2 justes [? joists]			6*d.*
Collection of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew	20*l.*	2*s.*	6½*d.*
Legacies : Through Mr. Thomas Goldweg	1*l.*	14*s.*	3*d.*
37 others	1*l.*	0*s.*	2*d.*
a brazen dish		3*s.*	9*d.*
2 silver rings		[*blank*]	
Vacancy of vicars' stalls	24*l.*	15*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

Paid weekly wages of labourers	9*l.*	5*s.*	0*d.*
Expenses of collection of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew	7*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Lead purchased, 5,750*lbs.* at 3*s.* 4*d.* and 300*lbs.* at 4*s.*	10*l.*	5*s.*	8*d.*
tin, 260*lbs.*	2*l.*	3*s.*	4*d.*
nails		15*s.*	9*d.*
Necessary expenses : the king's players		6*s.*	8*d.*
the prince's players		6*s.*	8*d.*
3 le lateys		2*s.*	0*d.*
an iron shovel for the sacrist		1*s.*	0*d.*
brooms			6*d.*
lantern			5*d.*
mending the basin of B.M.			8*d.*
5*lbs.* of thread cord		3*s.*	4*d.*
10*lbs.* of cord		3*s.*	4*d.*
a load of reeds		2*s.*	9*d.*
spars			3*d.*
mending a bucket			1½*d.*
ox hide		3*s.*	6*d.*
painting at the high altar			4*d.*
1 ell of 'moksatin'		1*s.*	4*d.*
repair of 2 bellows		2*s.*	8*d.*
2 great elms		11*s.*	4*d.*
and carriage from Dinder		4*s.*	2*d.*
rake			2*d.*
cleaning and painting the altar of St. John		2*s.*	2*d.*
cleaning the coronation of the Virgin and two other images		1*s.*	0*d.*
making a silver staff for the altarist		4*s.*	8*d.*
2¼*oz.* of silver for the staff		6*s*	9*d.*
Outside expenses : For Mass, Epistle and Gospel during vacancy of vicars' stalls	3*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*

1505–1506.

Stock: tin 187*lbs.*, bought 260*lbs.*; lead 4,150*lbs.*, bought 5,850*qrs.* 58*lbs.*; greatspikes 39*lbs.*; spikenails 319; boardnails 1,650; hatchnails 1,603; tacknails 80; leadnails 2,360; lathnails 4,900; ceilingnails 654; bushelnails 1,000.

ACCOUNTS of JOHN HARDMAN, the ESCHEATOR, from MICHAELMAS, 1505, to MICHAELMAS, 1506.

Receipts.

Oblation at the trental of Mr. Robert Wydrowe		9*d.*
at the burial of a servant of Mr. Edmondes		4½*d.*
his mortuary	3*s.*	4*d.*
at the burial of another servant of Mr. Edmondes		3⅓*d.*
his mortuary	3*s.*	4*d.*
at the burial of Hugh Walbron, chaplain		5½*d.*
at the anniversary of Mr. John Menyman		½*d.*
at the anniversary of Mr. Robert Wydrowe		½*d.*
Oblation in the New College..		3½*d.*
Obit.—Midsummer term: John Gunthorpp, late dean of Wells	1*l.* 10*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

Paid to 40 persons from the mortuaries of the 2 servants of Mr. Edmondes	6*s.*	8*d.*

1506–1507.

[1506, Sept. 30.]—Collation to priories, chantries, etc., similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 130*d.*

Clerk of the fabric: Pomeray.—*fo.* 131*d.*

Communar: Capron.—*fo.* 132.

Sub-treasurer: Fox.

Escheator: nominated by the vicars, Hardman, Lane and Weston; chosen by the canons, Hardman.

Tabular: Morys.

1506, Oct. 4.—Master John Hans, the sub-dean, admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100 marks caution money.

Archdeacon Beaumont appointed baron of the exchequer, and canons Peter Carslegh and John Edmundes auditors of the exchequer.

[Ten documents relating to Dean Gunthorpe's endowments are here entered in full.]—*fo.* 132*d.*

(1) William Lewlyn, gent.; grant to John Gunthorpe, dean, and the chapter of Wells, of a yearly rent of 100*s.*, for 5 years from the date thereof, to be received out of all his

messuages, mills, lands, etc., in Churchelegh, and Berdwyke, co. Gloucester; to be paid yearly at the four usual terms; power of distress if in arrear for one month; penalty of 10*s.* if any part in arrear for 2 months, and so often as it shall so happen. Witnesses: John Seyntlo, John Chocke, knts., Thomas Champeneys, esq., and Humfrey Hervy, gent. Dated June 12, 10 Hen. VII.

(2) Bond from Roger Amyse, Thomas Jonys, Richard Gregory and William Poleyn of Berdeweke, co. Gloucester, husbandmen, to John Gunthorpe, dean, and the chapter of Wells, in 5*l.*, to be paid at Lady Day, 1489. Dated at Pokilchurche, Aug. 8, 1 Hen. VII.—*fo.* 133*d.*

(3) Bond from the same to the same, in 5*l.*, to be paid at Lady Day, 1488. Dated as last.

(4) Bond from the same to the same, in 5*l.*, to be paid at Michaelmas, 1408 [*sic; sc.* 1488]. Dated as No. 2.—*fo.* 134.

(5) Bond from the same to the same, in 5*l.*, to be paid at Lady Day, 1491. Dated as No. 2.

(6) Bond from the same to the same, in 5*l.*, to be paid at Michaelmas, 1490. Dated as No. 2.—*fo.* 134*d.*

(7) Bond from the same to the same, in 5*l.*, to be paid at Michaelmas, 1491. Dated as No. 2.

(8) Bond from the same to the same, in 5*l.*, to be paid at Lady Day, 1490. Dated as No. 2.—*fo.* 135.

(9) To Gelys Peny in Strand Inne in London, survey[or] to the cathedral churche of Welles.

The londes wherof the annuite of v*li.* shal go out, been fee symple londe unto me, beyng in no hondez of any othre for terme of lyve, of yeres, or othrewyse than by copy made in myne owne name. And for the knowlage therof, I wryte this with myne awne haunde. And as for the copy holders, if it be thougth necessarye they shal surender, etc., and then the said annuite shal be graunt, etc., and after that there copyes newe made, etc.

William Lewelyn.

The londez afore rehersed bene all my londes in Churchlegh and Berdeweke in the county of Gloucester; the yerly value of the said londes unto me is vij*li.* and more, etc., all charges borne, etc.—*fo.* 135*d.*

(10) Rental of the tenants of William Lewelyn, gent., in Chirchley and Berdwyke.—*fo.* 136.

1506, Nov. 12.—A "regard" of 6*s.* 8*d.* each granted to William Knott, Walter Philipp, Thomas Prows and Robert Merk, perpetual vicars, for their good and diligent service.

1506, Nov. 13.—John Taylor, *decretorum doctor*, admitted a canon and installed in person in the prebend of Wedmore III.

1506, Nov. 26.—Robert Walle and James Fraunceys admitted as vicars non-perpetual, for one year.—*fo.* 136*d.*

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Oto Rowland admitted as an altarist on the nomination of Master Thomas Harryes, the treasurer.

1506, Dec. 2.—Walter Philipp and T. Prows, vicars, were charged with fighting with long knives ; Philipp, who stabbed Prows with his knife and drew blood, to the great scandal of the church, was suspended from his habit for a fortnight.

1506, Dec. 3.—A lettre myssyve sent fro the chapitre to Mr. Thomas Rowthall, secretary to our sovereyne lord the king.

After due recommendacion, so it is that the parsonage of Pokilchurch wit the advocacion of the vicariage, in the diocese of Worceter, and in your jurisdiccion, is aproperyd unto our cathedral churche, your official there at his visitacions asketh and desireth to see our improperacion, and is verray hard ayenst us. Whidder he mult us in eny somme of money or not, we are not certeyn. Sir, we have the improperacion after due ordre and fourme of lawe, and have been in peasable possession of the same tyme oute of mynde. Wherfore [we] hertily pray you of your favour, and that it will lyke you to send some lettre to your said official, commaundyng hym to cesse and not to make eny more besynesse in that behalf. And we shal be gladde to do you the pleasur we can. And thus Jhesu preserve you. From Welles iijde day of Decembre.

By the deane and brethern of the chapitre of Welles.

To the worshipfull Mr. Thomas Rowthall, secretary to our sovereigne lord the kynge.—*fo.* 137.

1506, Dec. 5.—Walter Philipp made humble submission, and was restored. Prows was suspended for a fortnight.

1506, Dec. 9.—Master Thomas Wellys, clerk, was admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Hilton, vacant by the resignation of Master George Percy, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 137*d.*

1506, Dec. 16.—John Harryes admitted a vicar non-perpetual.

1506, Dec. 22.—Ordered that a barn be built at Stok-gummour.

The dean said and openly [*palam*] protested that he had not admitted Master John Bekham as a canon residentiary, nor did he know nor had he (? aught) of his caution [*nec scivit nec habuit* (?) *de caucione sua*], nor should he [Bekham] be hereafter admitted.*

Sir Oliver Grendon, vicar-choral, cited to appear before the chapter within 15 days.

The citation in full.—*fo.* 138*d.*

* He was admitted by Robert Wydew, sub-dean, on Dec. 23, 1504 ; *ante*, p. 180. He continued to attend the meetings of the chapter.

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1506, Dec. 24.—Ordered that the expense of repairs done in the year ending Michaelmas last shall be divided into 3 equal parts, of which one shall be borne by the residentiaries of that year, and the remaining two parts in future years.—*fo.* 138.

1506, Dec. 29.—Some time ago Sir T. Cornyssh, the precentor, and the chapter communicated with the prior of Bruton as to a pension issuing from Chiltern Dummer for a stall and obit in the cathedral, when the prior undertook to pay 7 marks yearly. Cornyssh and canon J. Edmundes were deputed to communicate again with the prior, whether he will faithfully pay the same and charge his divers manors with the payment. Provided always that if hereafter the manor of Chiltern Dummer shall become of greater value than it is now, then the prior must pay more than 7 marks.

1506–7, Jan. 6.—Richard Philpot, clerk, admitted a canon, and installed in person in the prebend of Whitlakyngton.—*fo.* 139.

1506–7, Jan. 7.—Sentence of deprivation pronounced against Sir Oliver Grendon, vicar-choral, for prolonged absence without leave ; present to hear the same, Richard Pomerey, John Morys and John Jenyns, vicars-choral, Robert Williamson, scribe of capitular acts.—*fos.* 139, 140.

1506–7, Jan. 19.—A lettre myssyve sent to my lord of Wynchestre.

Right reverend fader in god and to us moste singular good lord, in moost humbliest wyse we recommend us unto your good lordshipp. And where as we understand that by the meanes of your kynde and lovyng nece, Maistresse Mylle, and hyr husband, ye arre especiall good lord unto us towchynge the matier of our mylles of Cory ; in the beste maner that we can we thaunk your good lordship in the same, beseechyng you of contynuaunce, and that it will please you to yeve credence unto our ryght trusty and welbeloved brother, Maister Thomas Harryes, in suche thynges as he shal move your said lordshipp towchyng the same matier. And thus the holy trinite preserve you. Written at Welles, the xixth day of Januarye.

By your oratours, the sub-deane and chapitre of the cathedral churche of Welles.—*fos.* 140, 140*d.*

1506–7, Jan. 23.—Richard Bramston and John Lylyhyde admitted as vicars non-perpetual.

1506–7, Feb. 7.—Roderic Diaz, clerk, admitted as canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe XI, vacant by the resignation of Richard Gardener, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

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1506–7, Feb. 17.—Richard Paty admitted a vicar non-perpetual.—*fo.* 141.

1506–7, Jan. 4.—A lettre myssyve sent fro the bisshop of Bathe to the chapitre of Welles.

We have called unto us John Hans, our friend [*familiarem*], whom we wish to see and speak with ; he, so we understand, has a residence in that our church. Recommends him for preferment to other spirituals. Bononia, Jan. 4, MDVII.

1506–7, Feb. 22.—Communication for grace for Master J. Hans, sub-dean ; adjourned because all the canons residentiary were not present.—*fo.* 141*d.*

1507, April 1.—Grant of 40 days' grace, without cotidians, to every canon residentiary making actual residence this year. If any canon shall go the way of all flesh before completing his residence not counting the 40 days, then the 40 days shall not count towards completing his necessary residence.

Grant of 8 days' grace to John Hans, sub-dean, who has lately been on the business of the chapter, without cotidians. —*fo.* 142.

All stones for building the cloister shall be carried [*deducantur*] at the expense of the church's goods.

They will agree to whatever Master John Edmundes, the steward, shall do about building the barn at Northcory.

1507, April 2.—Masters T. Beamount, archdeacon of Wells, and John Edmundes are deputed to ride to the prior of Montacute about the mill at Northcory, and to show him a *scire facias* and other writings relating to the mill.

1507, April 16.—A lettre myssyve sent to Mr. John Fitz-James th'elder, or to his son in his absence.

After dewe recommendacion. It is not unknowen to you of the commission which ye were named inne to sitt upon at Taunton, for the matier betwene my lord privy seel [Fox, bp. of Winchester] and us, towchyng our mylle at Northcory. Ye knawe also right well that at the tyme of your syttyng ther was neyther verdyte opynly yeven, nor yet sentence orderyd by you nor by the othre commissioners, but that both ye and they at that tyme werre contentyd to take respyte in the same matier. At whiche tyme ye shewed your especiall favour and good counsel to our trusty brother, Mr. John Edmundes, for whiche so doyng we thaunk you in the beest manyer we can, prayng you of contynuaunce. So it is nowe that we have understondyng that, by the commaundement of Mr. Froste oonly, there was a *scire facias* directed to the sherywe [sheriff], the copy wherof, wit muche peyne, we have gotyn wityn these three or foure dayes. And by cause we wolde be assured of your mynde at this tyme, we have sent unto

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you by this berar the copy of the same, prayng you, in the moost hertiest wyse we can, that ye wull take the peyne to oversee the same, and to asserteyne us ayen by your writyng of your best mynd; and that it will lyke you also to yeve your beste mynde and counsell by your writyng unto us in suche othre matiers, towchyng the same cause, as this our seyd berar shal shewe unto you in our behalfe. And at your next commyng we shal deserve your peyne, wit gode's mercy. Writtyn at Welles, this Friday, xvjth of Aprill.

By your lovers, deane and chapitre of Welles.

To the worshipfull Mr. John FitzJames th'elder.—*fos.* 142*d.*, 143.

1507, [April].—A copy of a lettre myssyve sent fro the priour of Mountague to the brethern of the chapitre of Welles.

Right worshipfull brothers, I recommaunde me to you. So it is, the day of the *scire facias* upon the inquisicion of Haump [?] mylles commyth fast on. And where as it pleasyd Mr. Archidiacon and Mr. Steward of your churche yn late dayes to come to our pore place, where as they and we hadd frendly communicacion of the same, as at that tyme I made theym no directe answer, by cause I hadde not spoken with our counsell. Howe be hyt, as I promysed theym, I send an answere shortly to you by my brother priour of Kerswyll. Wheruppon ye were concluded that certeyn of your brethern shuld come the Monday next folouyng, upon which day your courte was holden at Cory, to Hamp [?], and there I to mete with theym, then to apoynte for the takyng away of suche stoppage as the sayd inquisicion specified. And thidder I came, and wayted to have spokyn with suche as shulde have been theyr for you; and none come, savyng a servaunt, which excused theyr absence, and apoynted the mornynge folouynge. And by cause I cowde not come my self, I sent thydder ij of my brethern, where as they founde Mr. Steward of your churche, and he shewed to my brethern that ye intended to tary tylle Mr. Mylles were at leyser to see hyt, for dyverse consideracions, and so respyted hyt tyll the first day of Maye, and by that tyme the said Mr. Mylles shuld have leyser to see hyt. Wheruppon we have deferred our besyness as yet, howe be it we hadd fully purveyed for the takyng up of hyt at that tyme. Ye knowe welle the tyme shorteth and the daunger is muche. Wherefore I hertily beseche you to shewe me your good myndes what may be beste bothe for you and me, as my feithfull trust is in you. I pray you geve credence to this berer. And Jhesu preserve you, Amen! From Mountagw, this present Sonday. By your lovyng brother,

John, priour of Mountagw.

To the right worshipfull deane and chapitre of the cathedral churche of Welles, this be delyvered.—*fos.* 143, 143*d.*

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1507, May 2.—An answer of the same lettre.

Right worshipfull sir, we recommende us, certifiyng you that we have receyved your writyng by this berer, your servaunt, wheryn ye desyre our myndes towchyng the avoydyng of the jupartie [jeopardy] conteyngned in the *scire facias*. Sir, accordyng to our saynges before tyme, we be purposed utterly on Wedenesday next commyng to have oure brother, Mr. Edmundes, steward of our churche, to speke wit Mr. Mylles, and upon the same, on Thurseday folouyng to pulle up suche thynges as we bee commaunded to doo by the kynge's commaundement [for] the voydyng of the jupartie forsayd. And thus our lord save you. From Welles, this Sonday, secund day of Maye.

By the subdeane and chapitre of Welles.

To the worshipfull fader, priour of Mountagw.—*fos.* 143*d.*, 144.

1507, Whitsunday.—A lettre myssyve sent to the undersherefe.

Right worshipfull sir, we recommaunde us to you. And where lately ye were wit us here at Welles, and shewed us that ye hadd geven to us a monicion, accordyng to the kinge's wrytt, to remove suche beldynges as we hadd made in the water of Tone in the lordship of Northcory. Sir, we trust that we have perfourmed the kinge's commaundement in that behalf. And in somuche as we thynk ye shal retourne the wrytt at the next sessions, therfor we pray you to take the labour and peyn to come to the sayd place of the water of Tone where we have beldyd our mylle, as shortly as ye may conveniently, when one of our brethern shall mete wit you, and we shal recompence you for your labours, so that ye shalbe pleased to see the said water, where we have done accordyng to the wrytt, as we truste we have. And soo to retourne your processe. And if ther be eny thyng that we may do you pleasure in, we shalbe redy, by the grace of god, who ever kepe you. Written at Welles, this Wytsonday, in haste.

By yours president and chapitre of Welles.

To the worshipfull Richard Philips, undershereffe of Somersett.

1507, June 28.—Sir Oliver Grendon admitted a vicar non-perpetual.—*fo.* 144*d.*

1507, July 1.—Confirmation of the grant of 40 days' grace made on April 1st.

Grant of 20 days more to each canon resident, *sine fructu*, in complement of his great residence.

1507, *xi kal.* July.—Letter to the most reverend Hadrian, cardinal priest with the title of St. Chrisogon and bishop of Bath and Wells. According to your letters and precept lately directed to us, we daily pray for the heathful state of the whole church; etc.—*fo.* 145.

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In the book of receipts and payments of Thomas Pierson touching the benevolence to Henry VII, being in the keeping of John Clerk, one of the king's auditors, is contained as follows :—

From Master John Gunthorpe, dean of Welles, *de benevolentia sua propria*, with 106*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to be received by two tallies from the archdeaconry of Dorset and the diocese of Bath ; namely, in ready money 40 marks, from the collectors of tenths in the said archdeaconry 40*l.*, and from the collectors of tenths in the said diocese 100 marks. Sum, 133*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* J. Clerk.

This bill witnesseth that I, Thomas Pierson, deputie to Sir Raynold Bray, knyght, tresourer of the king's warres, have receyved of Maister John Gunthorpe, clerk, deane of Welles, in redy money xl marces, in party of payment of CC marces, of his benevolence graunted to the kinge's grace towardes his grete viage in to his reame [realm] of Fraunce.

Item. I have receyved of hym ij tallies levyed at the kynge's receipt *pro denariis mutuatis* of the collectours of the dymes of the archidiaconry of Dorset and of the diocese of Bathe and Welles, conteynyng 106*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, to be hadde of the said collectours, for the perfourmyng of his sayd graunte, if it may be hadd in convenyent tyme for the forsayd cause of graunt. In witnesse wherof to this bill I have subscribed my name, the xxiiijth day of February, 7 Henry VII. T. Pierson.—*fo.* 145*d.*

In the pells of receipt for Michaelmas Term, 6 Hen. VII, is contained as follows :—

Feb. 6; Somerset.—From the collectors of a tenth granted in the 6th year to the king by the clergy [*a clero*] in the diocese of Bath and Wells, of the same tenth, 100 marks. For Master J. Gunthorp, clerk, for moneys lent [*mutuatis*] by him May 18 last, by his own hands.—*fo.* 146.

Feb. 18 ; Dorset.—From the collectors of a tenth, etc., in the archdeaconry of Dorset, of the same tenth, 40*l.* For John Gunthorp, clerk, for moneys lent by him, June 19, 5th year, with his own hands.

In the king's exchequer. Somerset.—From the collectors of a tenth, etc., in the diocese of Bath and Wells, of the same tenth, 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Allowances, Michaelmas Term, Feb. 6, 7 Hen. VII, for John Gunthorp, clerk, for moneys lent.

Dorset. From the collectors of a tenth, etc., in the archdeaconry of Dorset, of the same tenth, 40*l.*

Allowances, Michaelmas Term, Feb. 18, 7 Hen. VII, for John Gunthorp, clerk, for moneys lent.

July 13, 21 Hen. VII. Receipt given by Roger Lupton, clerk, one of the commissioners for the receipt of the benevolence granted to the king in the 7th year of his reign, to William Cosyn, dean of Wells, and his brethren, for 50*l.*, paid in the name of the executors of John Gunthorp, late dean, in part payment of 200 marks due from him for the said benevolence,

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and in full contentation of the dean and his brethren for their part of the same.—*fo.* 146*d.*

1507, July 10.—Ordered that on ferial days and feasts without the rule [?] of the choir, on each night two choristers shall come to matins; and in feasts with the rule [?] of the choir, on every night four choristers; and in double feasts, on every night 7 choristers.

1507, July 17.—Walter Philip and Harman, perpetual vicars, were admonished because they did not come to matins on the vigil of the translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, but were playing at hand-ball [*ad pilam manualem*]; they must be present at matins, first mass and vespers, by day and night, from this day until St. Peter *ad vincula*, viz. for 15 days; if they make default they shall be deprived of their habits for three weeks.—*fo.* 146*d.* (*slip*).

Harryes and Paty, vicars non-perpetual, had been fighting in the house of a suspected woman at Estwalles, at 10 of the night; they were warned not to frequent the said house, and to be within the vicars' close at 8 o'clock at night and not to go out thereafter, under the penalty for Harryes of deprivation of his habit, and for Paty of suspention [*dilacionis*] of his habit for three weeks.

Otis and Hoper, clerks, were warned to be every night within the church when the bell rings for curfew [? *ad Curf*], and Hoper not to frequent the house of a suspected woman at Estwalles, under pain of privation of their habits.

1507, July 23.—Ordered, with the consent of Richard Higons, master of the choristers, that he shall pay to Richard Bramston, vicar-choral, at Michaelmas next, for the half quarter then ending, 5*s.*, and from that day shall pay him for his fee and portion, 40*s.* a year at the usual terms, to teach the choristers to sing, as Higons did in times past. Bramston shall keep and play the organs, both in the great choir and the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary.—*fo.* 147.

1507, Aug. 17.—John Harryes, a vicar non-perpetual, confessed that, contrary to a former order, he had visited the house of a suspected woman at Estwalles after 8 o'clock at night, and there had fought and struck a man with his hand. Ordered that he do come to the chapter house on St. Jerome's Day, and there put off [*deponet*] his habit; on which day he did so. Afterwards, on Oct. 1, he was restored to his habit, and warned as to his conduct in future.—*fo.* 147*d.*

1507, Sept. 3.—Copy of a letter from the dean and chapter to Mr. Robert Dykar, the chancellor. The treasurer of the church has written to you on divers occasions that you should more diligently fulfill the duties attaching to your office, as

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by virtue of your oath you are bound to do. We send you herewith the statutes and ordinances prescribed for the dignity of chancellor, with a copy of your oath in this behalf, requesting and exhorting you to set to work to do what concerns you in the premises within 15 days before the feast of St. Jerome next. If you neglect to do this, know that you will be cited on your stall to appear before us in the chapter house on the said feast, and we shall proceed further against you.

By the dean and chapter of Wells.—*fos.* 146*d.*, 147.

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1507, St. Jerome's Day, Sept. 30.—Collation to priories, chantries, etc., similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 147*d.*

Clerk of the fabric : Pomerey.—*fo.* 148*d.*

Communar : Capron.

Sub-treasurer : Fox.

Escheator : nominated by the vicars, Hardman, Lane and Weston ; chosen by the canons, Lane.

Tabular : Morys.

Baron of the exchequer : Mr. Carslegh.

Auditor : Mr. Churche.

Mr. J. Edmundes to view and receive the accounts of the master of the choristers.

1507, Oct. 1.—Sir William Capron, the communar, was warned not to do any repairs or works appertaining to the chapter above the sum of 40*s.*, without the assent of the steward or the chapter.—*fo.* 149.

1507, Oct. 22.—Richard Hoper, altarist, deprived of his habit and office for disobedience to former monitions and injunctions.

1507, Oct. 23.—William Smith admitted an altarist ; he took the oath of canonical obedience. He and Otho Rowland and Richard Baynton, altarists, were warned that they must be within the cathedral church at the 8th hour every night, on pain of losing their habit and office.

1507, Nov. 26.—Robert Walle admitted a perpetual vicar.—*fo.* 149*d.*

It was testified by Alcyn and 14 other [named] vicars-choral, that Gilbert Fraunces, a vicar non-perpetual, had not a competent voice and was of evil conversation. The precentor, with the consent of the chapter, decreed that he should not be made perpetual [*non perpetuatur*].

Determined that Mr. T. Harryes, the treasurer, with his consent and good will, shall find all stone-work and wages of masons and other servants about the new cloister, now begun,

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until it be finished; the canons residentiary shall find all timber and lead and wages of carpenters and other servants about the same, until it be finished, at the expense of the church goods.

1507-8, Jan. 5.—Grant of 40 days' grace, without cotidians, to every canon residentiary.

1507–8 Jan. 25.—Sir John Braddon admitted a vicar non-perpetual.—*fo.* 150.

Sir Oliver Grendon admitted a perpetual vicar.

All the vicars-choral undertook to abide by the ordinance of the dean and chapter as to the perpetuation of Richard Bramston and John Lylyhede; the dean, with the consent of his brethren, admitted them as perpetual vicars, on condition that they are diligent in reading, singing plain-song and learning the psalter, during the following year.

1507–8, Feb. 6.—Robert Asshcom, M.A., admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe VI, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

Master Polidor Virgil otherwise Castellen installed by proxy in the archdeaconry of Wells and the prebend of Brent, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 150*d.*

1507–8, Feb. 17.—Richard Paty admitted a perpetual vicar.

1507–8, Feb. 26.—Sir Thomas Shelyngford, chaplain, presented to the perpetual chantry at the altar of St. Kalixtus, founded for the soul of Henry Huseey, vacant by the death of Sir Richard Tyko.

1507–8, March 16.—John Gye admitted a vicar non-perpetual.

Confirmation to Mr. John Cole, clerk, Edith More and John More [entry stops here].

1508, March 28.—Mr. William Mors, LL.D., admitted a canon, and installed in person in the prebend of Combe II, vacant by the death of John Argentyne, pursuant to mandate of the bishop. He was immediately admitted a canon residentiary, and paid 100 marks caution.—*fo.* 151.

1508, April 1.—Grant to Baldwin Mallet, gent., for his good service, counsel and help, of a yearly pension of 20*s.* to be paid by the communar.

1508, May 13.—It was agreed amongst them concerning the taking of "weyvys" and "stryvys" according as they were taken in times past at Byconalar by Cawsy [?] and the bailiffs. Let action be taken against them.*

* Translation doubtful; the text appears to be corrupt.

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The ordinances [*ordinacio*] of the chantry of Dom. T. Bekyngton were read in the chapter house.

1508, May 15.—John Clawsy shall have the office of instructing and teaching the choristers and tabellars to sing and sing earnestly [*ad contandum et discantandum*] and he is to do all other matters which belong to such an office ; he shall keep and make, both in the choir and the chapel of B.V.M., all suits [*sectas*], as Richard Higons did heretofore, and shall play the organs both in the great choir and in the chapel of B.M. behind the high altar, at proper times. For these labours, he shall receive from the clerk of the fabric 4 marks from two vacant stalls ; he shall also receive from the escheator all escheats, with the consent of the vicars, so that the vicar non-perpetuated shall have during the life of Richard Higons the things which yearly arise. Moreover, he shall have a house of the yearly value of 26*s.* 8*d.* Richard Higons, late master of the choristers, agrees to pay to Clawsy out of his fee and portion 40*s.* a year. After Higons' death, Clawsy shall receive all the fees that Higons now has.

1508, May 20.—Sir Oliver Grendon, vicar-choral, charged with not keeping the statutes and ordinances of the church, was allowed to resign.—*fo.* 151*d.*

1508, July 1.—Confirmation of the bishop's manumission of John Fenell, son of John Fenell, a native on his manor of Chedder, as follows :—

Omnibus. . . . Hadrianus . . . episcopus, salutem . . . Noveritis nos prefatum cardinalem et episcopum manumisse et extra manum nostram posuisse Johannem Fenell, filium Johannis Fenell, nativum nostrum ad manerium nostrum de Chedder in comitatu Somerset' spectantem, ac eundem ab jugu servitutis liberasse et liberum fecisse, cum omnibus catallis suis et tota sequela sua procreata et procreanda. Ita quod nec nos predictus cardinalis et episcopus, nec successores nostri aliquid juris vel clamei ad prefatum Johannem Fenell seu sequelam suam procreatam et procreandam nec ad bona et catalla sua, ad quascumque mundi partes divertantur, de cetero habere clamare seu vendicare poterimus nec debemus in futurum, sed ab omni jure et titulo servitutis ipsius Johannis et sequele sue procreate et procreande simus exclusi imperpetuum per presentes. In cujus rei. . . . Dated April 15, 1508.—*fo.* 152.

Confirmation of letters of the dean for a certain part of the tower upon which part a part of the church house at Wedmore is built.

1508, July 11.—Master Reynold West admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe IX, pursuant to mandate of the bishop. He was installed in person, July 25.—*fo.* 152*d.*

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1508, July 16.—A lettre myssyve sent fro the chapitre to Mr. Thomas Hobson, auditour.

Right worshipful sir, we commaunde us to you in our lovyng maner. And where it is so that ye have take grete peyn and labours to be at our audete here at Welles, to our welth and reformation of our lordshippes and landes in tymes passed; and now we here say that ye have sucho charges to your grete honour and profite, wherby ye may not conveniently be at our audete, as ye have been. Wherfore we pray you to contynue your good mynde to us, as ye have done alway, and herafter not to take the labours and peyne in sendyng us ony other person, for we be determyned from hensfurthe to us [use?] the audyte as our predecessours have done in tymes passed, as knoweth god, who ever preserve you. Fro Welles, xvj day of Julye.

By your lovers, the deane and chapitre of Welles.—*fo.* 153.

1508, July 17.—Agreed that Sir Amisius Paulet shall have the office of steward of the cathedral church, on condition that he dwell [*moram traxerit*] in Somerset and not elsewhere. Adjourned for further consideration.—*fo.* 152*d.*

1508, July 26.—John Aleyn, Thomas Seward and Simon Lane, vicars-choral, nominated to the stall of the gift of the abbat of Clive, vacant by the death of Robert Whyte. A letter to the abbat of Blessed Mary of Clive, dated July 28, is on *fo.* 153.

Grant to Mr. J. Hans, sub-dean, of the house, opposite his house of residence, where W. Plummer now lives, paying the accustomed rent.

Sealed an acquittance to Masters Peter Carslegh and John Bekham, administrators of the will of Sir Richard Asshcote, the late communar.

1508, July 31.—Sir John Foster admitted a vicar non-perpetual for one year.

1508, Sept. 4.—Sir John Braddon admitted a perpetual vicar.—*fo.* 153*d.*

Sir William Huchons admitted a vicar non-perpetual for one year.

Sir John Evan, chaplain, collated to the chantry at the altar of St. Edmund in the nave, founded for the soul of bishop Ergham, vacant by the resignation of William God.

1508, Sept. 10.—Master Polidorus Virgilius Castellensis installed in person in the archdeaconry of Wells and prebend of Brent thereto annexed.

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1508, St. Jerome's Day, Sept. 30.—Collation to priories, chantries, etc., similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 154.

Clerk of the fabric : Pomerey.—*fo.* 154*d.*

Communar : Capron.

Sub-treasurer : Fox.

Escheator : Weston, by the canons.

Tabular : Morys.

The steward and communar shall be chosen to their offices in one day.—*fo.* 155.

1508, Sept. 4.—Robert Bekham is chosen to the office of under-steward or clerk of the chequer* [?], if in the judgment of Mr. John Edmundes, the steward, he shall be found able. Mr. Edmundes reported, on Oct. 1, that he [Bekham] had done well in holding a court at Burnham ; he was therefore appointed for one year.

1508, Oct. 2.—Release to Sir Hugh Veysy, vicar of the parish church of Pokilchurche, of a certain yearly pension of 50*s.* (due to the chapter and payable from the said vicarage), for 5 years from the date of these presents, on account of the poverty [*exilitatem*] of his vicarage and the rebuilding of the chancel there.—*fo.* 156.

1508, Oct. 16.—John Pouell admitted a vicar non-perpetual for one year.—*fo.* 155.

1508, Oct. 18.—The copy of a letter missyve sent from my lord archbisshoppe of Canterbury to the deane and chapitre of Welles.

Welbeloved bredren, I recommaunde me to you. And where of speciall favour that I bere to your broder, Doctor Churche, I entende to yeve hym a benefice, whereuppon he is contented to leve that benefice which he hathe of your gieft besides Welles. In my herty wyse I pray you to vouchesafe to make a presentation to me of the same benefice, withoute eny name, and I promyse you I shal name to you a broder of your owne, vertuoux, wele lerned and a good prechour, which I doubte not shal please God and content you right well. And if ye wull thus muche do at my desire, I trust somtyme to do you as grete pleasour. At my manoir of Lamhithe, the xviij day of Octobre.

Yowr William Cantuar.

1508, Oct. 26.—The chapter to the archbishop.

Moost reverend fader in God, our right singuler good lord, we humbly recommende us unto your good grace. And where late we have receyved your reverend lettres wheryn

* See *ante*, p. 193, note.

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your good grace hathe desired us for the gieft of a benefice, which doctor Churche hath of the gieft of this chapitre; Pleaseth your said grace to knowe, that of long tyme used, and so yet contynued, eny benefice beyng of the giefte of the said chapitre be geven when hit voided to oon of the actuel residenciaries of this churche, if eny will accepte hit. Wherfore we humbly desire your good grace we may observe and kepe this olde usage. And we shal pray for the long preservacion of your good grace. From Welles, xxvjte day of Octobre.

By your oratours, the president and chapitre of the cathedral churche of Welles.—*fo.* 155*d.*

1508, Nov. 30.—Master Reynold West admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100 marks caution.

Robert Mark, vicar-choral, has leave of absence for a whole year from Christmas next, in order to study at Oxford, but not elsewhere nor otherwise; he shall receive nothing from the emoluments of the church or from vicars' commons, but only the receipts of his stall.—*fo.* 156.

1508, Dec. 14.—William Lane admitted a vicar non-perpetual, and has leave of absence until the purification B.V.M. next, when he must begin his year.

Grant to Sir William Capron, the communar, of a stable in Le Mountrey Lane, at the ancient rent, until another canon residentiary shall come into the canonical house next to the stable.

1508–9, Jan. 5.—Grant to Sir William Capron, the communar, of the barn called Canon Barn, for 7 years, for 36*l.**; excepting the perquisites and profits of the court there, which belong to the canons residentiary. He must repair and maintain it at his own expense.—*fo.* 156*d.*

1508–9, Jan. 22.—The presentation to the parochial church or chapel of Alverton, vacant by the resignation of Mr. Roger Church, the last rector or chaplain, is granted to Mr. John Edmundes.

1508–9, Jan. 31.—Grant to Mr. J. Bekham,—appointed to carry out certain business with the bishop of Winchester and other persons for the vacancy [*vacatio*] of the parish church of Chedesey, which vacancy belongs to the chapter,—of all days of grace while he is engaged about the same, according to his expenses, *cum fructu et quotidianis distributionibus*

1508–9, Feb. 8.—Mr. Reynold West installed in the prebend of Holcombe, vacant by the death of Mr. John Hans, and in the sub-deanery, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 157.

* This appears to be a fine: no rent is mentioned.

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1508–9, Feb. 10.—Ordinance and undertaking to keep, observe and solemnly celebrate yearly, for 10 years next following, the anniversary of Mr. John Hans, sometime canon and sub-dean, viz. August 29, unless it fall on Sunday, when it shall be deferred to the second ferial day, to be solemnly celebrated, with the office of the dead after vespers on the Sunday preceding and mass on the morrow. For this the dean and chapter have received from the venerable man, Ciprianus Relia, a Venetian, M.A. of Paris, and executor of the will of the said John Hans, 20 marks sterling, which he bequeathed to the dean and chapter.

Copy of acquittance given to Ciprianus Relia in the above matter.—*fo.* 157*d.*

1508–9, Feb. 17.—Sir John Hardman, vicar-choral, was charged with adultery with Joan, wife of — Plummer. He denied it, but admitted the rumour [*confessus est famam*]. The matter was adjourned until Feb. 24, for his further consideration, when he again denied it. It was then adjourned to March 3, when he again refused to confess. It was further adjourned to March 10, when he still refused to confess, but submitted himself to the correction of the dean and chapter. The following penance was enjoined: Hardman was to be present every day in the cathedral, at prime and at high mass, for 15 days, without his habit, and at matins every night for the same period, *sine fructu* and commons; he must abstain in future from the house and company of the said Joan Plummer on pain of privation of his habit.—*fo.* 158.

1508–9, Feb. 27.—Mr. Robert Yong, M.A., admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe IX, vacant by the resignation of Reynold West.—*fo.* 157*d.*

Grant of 10*s.* to Richard Ruyon, the bailiff, for an amercement taken at Northeory.—*fo.* 158.

1508–9, March 16.—John Gye admitted a perpetual vicar.

1508–9, March 17.—John Hardman appeared and his punishment was mitigated, the following being substituted: he must be present at matins every night for a month from this day, and every ferial day at high mass he must kneel before the image of St. Andrew and say one third of the psalter of the B.V.M. or the psalms of the passion of our Lord, and he must abstain from the society and house of the said Joan Plummer, under pain of privation of his habit.—*fo.* 158*d.*

1509, April 2.—Grant of 40 days' grace to every canon residentiary who began his actual residence before April 1, without cotidians, in complement of his great residence.—*fo.* 159.

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Grant of a month's grace, without cotidians, to Dean Cousyn, in complement of his great residence, if he be detained in Wedmore, Mark, or in any other place of his deanery, and not otherwise. This grant was ratified June 13, without the condition.

1509, April 16.—Nicholas Preschon admitted a vicar non-perpetual.

1509, April 29.—John Chamber, clerk, admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Wyvellescombe, vacant by the death of Edward Willoughby, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 159*d.*

1509, May 16.—Grant to Mr. Peter Carslegh of a messuage, with a curtilage and 2 cottages annexed, in the city of Wells, which Walter Baker late held, for 50 years, paying yearly 13*s.* 4*d.* and doing all repairs. Also a close annexed to the house of the manor of Wynscombe and a piece of underwood there, for 50 years, paying yearly 15*s.* He shall turn [*rediget*] the underwood into pasture as soon as possible.

Confirmation of a grant to John Welshote of Welles, mercer, and Isabel his wife, of the tenement in Welles called the Kateryne Whele, situate on the south side of High Street, between the new tenement that Thomas Brewster now holds on the west, and the tenement of the prior and convent of the house of St. John the Baptist on the east, and which, with the adjacent garden, extends from the street on the north to the water-course called La Millstreme on the south; to hold, with the garden, for 90 years from Michaelmas, 1508, paying yearly 53*s.* 4*d.* to the dean and chapter, and 18*d.* to the bishop for chief-rent, if demanded. Dated Michaelmas, 1508.—*fo.* 160.

1509, May 16.—Thomas Prowse, vicar-choral, accused of incontinence with one Ellen Dyke of the city of Wells, confessed that he had a child by her. He was warned to keep good rule and to abstain from women in future, on pain of privation of his habit.—*fo.* 161*d.*

1509, May 29.—William Haryngton, LL.D., admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Wedmore V, vacant by the death of Richard Hatton.—*fo.* 162

1509, June 4.—Agreed to have a general pardon for the church and chapter.

Grant of 40 days' grace, without cotidians, to each canon who was actually residing on April 1 last.

1509, June 13.—Mr. William Mors may have cotidians, to procure and solicit the business of the chapter concerning the

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vacancy of Chedesey, etc., for each day that the judgment [? *juridico*] was prorogued in Court during the term of the nativity of St. John the Baptist.

Every canon residentiary being in town lawfully prevented, that is, by infirmity shall have the said mass, as appears in the ordinance thereof. Before this time the custom was the contrary. *Margin :—Conclusio pro missa domini T.B., episcopi, celebranda ut patet per canonicos.*

Grant, during pleasure, to John Pety, of the chamber situated in the cloister, to occupy and sleep in.

1509, July 14.—Mr. John Cole admitted a canon, and installed in person in the prebend of Combe VIII.—*fo.* 162*d.*

Confirmation of a lease from William Rawlyns, provost of the cathedral church, to John Cole, clerk, Edith More, widow, and John More, her son, of 5 closes of pasture of overland in Welyngton, for their lives and the life of the survivor of them, paying yearly to William Rawlyns and his successors 16*s.* Dated July 15, 1 Hen. VIII.

1509, July 31.—Sir John Foster admitted a perpetual vicar.—*fo.* 163*d.*

1509, Aug. 1.—Mr. Robert Asshcom admitted a canon, and installed in person in the prebend of Combe VI.—*fo.* 164.

1509, Aug. 8.—Mr. W. Mors, vicar-general in spirituals, sitting in the chapter-house in the ordinarial visitation of the Rt. Rev. Hadrian, bishop of Bath and Wells, decreed and ordained, with the consent of the canons-residentiary then present, that whenever the bishop is present and is *executor officii* in the choir, two canons having dignities shall be rectors of the choir, if two be present ; if not, one having a parsonage may be rector with one having a dignity. When the dean is *executor officii*, then two canons having parsonages may be rectors of the choir, if two be present, otherwise, the senior simple canon with one having a parsonage. When a canon having a dignity is *executor officii*, then two simple canons shall be rectors in the choir.

Similarly, when one having a parsonage or a simple canon is *executor officii* on greater double feasts, then two simple canons shall be rectors.

1509, Aug. 8.—The dean and canons present ratified and confirmed the above ordinance.—*fo.* 164*d.*

1509, Aug. 18.—Mr. Robert Honywode, LL.D., installed in person in the archdeaconry of Taunton, with the prebend of Milverton I thereto annexed.

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1509, Aug. 30.—Mr. Robert Gumby otherwise Austeyne admitted a canon, and installed in person in the prebend of Dyndre, vacant by the resignation of Mr. John Streynsham.

1509, Sept. 4.—William Hochons admitted a perpetual vicar—*fo.* 165.

Richard Bramston and John Lylyhede, [vicars-choral], were warned that they must receive sub-deacon's orders before Christmas next, on pain of privation of their habits, if orders are celebrated within the diocese of Bath and Wells.

1509, Sept. 13.—Mr. William Haryngton, LL.D., admitted a canon, and installed in person in the prebend of Wedmore V.

1509, Sept. 15.—Confirmation of a grant by the bishop to William Clarvys of the wardenship [*custodiam*] of his *hospitium* in the parish of St. Clement Danes, without the bar of the New Temple at London, in the county of Middlesex, together with the mansion or tenement annexed thereto on the outer side of the *hospitium* (which tenement Richard Takyllys now holds and occupies, situate between the tenements of John Eddes on the east and John Coke on the west), to be repaired at the cost of the bishop and his successors, with all commodities and profits of the orchards and gardens of the said *hospitium*; also the office of *reddituarius* or receiver of the rents of all the bishop's tenements annexed to the *hospitium*, duly accounting for the same and paying what is due, for which William must find two bondsmen; to hold to William for life, to be exercised by himself or sufficient deputy, taking the wages of 2½*d.* a day, payable at Michaelmas and Easter, and a robe of the suit of gentlemen in the bishop's service for Christmas, as often as the bishop gives a livery of this kind, and also *unum farculum ciborum cum pane et potu convenient* [*?*] *dietum* [*?*], when, so often and so long as the bishop or his successors shall be staying in the *hospitium*. If the rent shall fall into arrear, William may enter and distrain on the bishop's tenements called "le Cardinallis Hatt" and "le Tabard," parcel of the aforesaid tenements in the parish of St. Clement Danes. Dated July 2, 1509.

Accounts of Thomas Weston, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1508, to Michaelmas, 1509.

Receipts.

Oblations: At the anniversary of John Clausi			1½*d.*
of Mr. John Hanse			½*d.*
Obit of Ralph Ergham *nil*, because accounted for by the communar and the annuellars' college			
of John Menyman, 2nd year	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
of John Byknell and Richard Swan ..	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*

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Vacant prebends : Combe II, by the death of Mr. John Argentyn	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Combe IX, by the death of Mr. William Sylke	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Holcombe, by the death of Mr. John Hanse	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

Paid to 40 persons from Combe II	3*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	15*s.*	4*d.*
for good payment			8*d.*
To 40 persons from Combe IX	3*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	10*s.*	8*d.*
for good payment			8*d.*
To 43 persons at dirige for John Menyman		13*s.*	4*d.*
at mass		10*s.*	9*d.*
To 36 persons at dirige for John Byknell and Richard Swan		12*s.*	0*d.*
at mass		12*s.*	0*d.*
To 40 persons at dirige for John Hanse, *custos*, 1st of 10 years		13*s.*	4*d.*
To 41 at mass		10*s.*	3*d.*
Bell for John Menyman			8*d.*
for John Hanse		1*s.*	4*d.*
For 3,500 lathnaylle		3*s.*	2½*d.*
for 200 bordnail and 200 hachenail ..		1*s.*	3*d.*

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1509, Oct. 1, because St. Jerome's Day was Sunday.—Collation to priories, chantries, etc., similar to those on *pp.* 106, 112.—*fo.* 166*d.*

Clerk of the fabric : Pomerey.—*fo.* 167*d.*

Communar : Capron.

Sub-treasurer : Fox.

Escheator : Weston.

Tabular : Mores.

1509, Oct. 1.—John Holme admitted a perpetual vicar, Mr. W. Mors protesting.

Mr. Hugh Yng and Mr. Roger Churche are to view all statutes in whatsoever books, and to collect them, and to put them in order in one book ; they shall have 20*s.* for their labour.—*fo.* 168.

Ordered that a new steward for the year following shall henceforward be chosen on the morrow of St. Jerome, so that he may ride with the old steward to his courts before Christmas ;

he shall have emoluments when occupied on church business, according to the statutes.

1509, Oct. 8.—Sir John Holme, vicar-choral, has license not to come to matins at night, on condition that he is present at matins at all principal feasts and greater doubles. If he or any other vicar-choral be sick or absent on his own business, for so long he shall not have his matins [*matutinas*]; if he shall well and diligently keep matins, then he shall have two faculties to receive the daily commons of vicars-choral present both day and night, without any diminution.

Mr. W. Harryngton, John Taylor and Batmanson appointed advocates in the cause of Chedsey, against Mr. Fissher, the rector there.

The bishop of Tine appointed baron of the exchequer, and Masters Yng and Edmundes auditors; also Carslegh steward.

1509, Oct. 16.—John Pouell admitted a perpetual vicar.—*fo.* 168*d.*

Agreed that a letter of manumission of John Vowles [Foule otherwise Voules, *in margin*] of the manor of Muddisley, granted to him by the dean, ought to be confirmed under the common seal of the chapter.

1509, Oct. 13.—The dean claimed that it belonged to him and he had the power to pardon all vicars not present at night hours, and so he pardoned absent vicars that day. The canons denied it, and protested that they would not consent, because it touched each and all of them.

The ordinances of the chantry of T. Bekyngton were read by the dean.

1509, Oct. 22.—Sir William God, chaplain, admitted to the chantry of St. Saviour, B.V.M. and all the elect of God, at the altar of Holy Cross in the north part of the cathedral, founded for the soul of John Storthwayte, vacant by the resignation of Robert Browne.—*fo.* 169.

1509, Nov. 3.—Confirmation of a lease from the dean to Thomas Cornyssh, bishop of Tine and vicar of Wedmore, Baldwin Malet, Richard Renyon, gentlemen, John Champoney, John Weston, John Hogges, Roger Kynge, John Randalle, John Bultynge, John Taylour, Dionisius Philpe, William Chelcrofte, John Bassett, John Chelcrofte, Richard Manyman, of the same [? Wedmore*], and the wardens of the parish church of Wedmore, Robert Golney [?], John Brownynge of Sonde [?] and William Walshe [?],* of a pasture in the moor called Pulmede more,

— These names interlined.

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near his manor of Wedmore, with the fishery in the water along the breadth of the said moor running between Hawke were and Blakbuschere, at a rent of 16*s.* 8*d.* for the pasture and 4*s.* for the fishery; also of a messuage lying within the homage of Muddesley of old aster [*de antiquo astro*], called Chidder Leigh, with 44 *ac.* of land and meadow, etc., at a rent of 11*s.* 3½*d.*, also of a messuage and ½ virgate of land in Stowghton, in the parish of Wedmore, and 22 *ac.* of land in the north field of Wedmore, in Radlunch and Medelonde, and a close called Newham in Muddesleigh, at a rent of 6*d.* for the messuage, 9*s.* 5*d.* for the land, and 20*s.* for the close; to hold to them and their assigns for 99 years. The lessees during the term must find a chaplain having a good voice [*organum vocis*] with which he may serve God and Blessed Mary in Wedmore church, who shall swear on the gospels before the vicar that (by himself or another) he will celebrate low mass at St. Anne's altar in the said church thrice a week, namely, on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays, for the good estate of the said dean Cousyn and his successors and all his co-brethren while in the flesh [*dummodo in humanis*] and for their souls when they have departed from this light, and for the souls of Oliver, late bishop of Bath and Wells, and of deans Forest and Care [Carent], and of all parishioners of Wedmore. And lest the said lessees or their assigns should pretend ignorance of the above ordinance, they must, in full halimott holden at Wedmore, once from term to term during the said term, show and publicly read this grant to the dean and his successors or their official, on pain of 10*s.* each time. If the rent be in arrear for a month, or if the mass be not said, it shall be lawful to distrain, or to re-enter and expel the lessees or their assigns. The lessees to maintain, ditch [*fossabunt*] and repair. Dated Sept. 1, 1509.—*fos.* 169*d.*, 170.

Confirmation of a grant of manumission by the dean to John Fowle otherwise Vowles of the manor of Muddiseley, now of Pilton. Dated Oct. 27, 1509.—*fo.* 171.

Confirmation of a grant by the dean to John Chelcote and John Clerke, wardens of the goods of the parish church of Wedmore, of some vacant land, 44 by 24 Pauline feet [*pedes paulinos**], lying to the south of the steps [*scancelli*] of the western churchyard of the said church, to build there a church house at the cost of the parishioners; to hold to the said wardens and their successors in office, to the use of the church and parishioners, paying 2*d.* yearly to the dean and his successors, if demanded. Witnesses: John Rodney, knt., Mr. John Pykman, archdeacon of Bath, Edmund Mylle, esq. [and others]. Dated April 1, 16 Hen. VII.—*fo.* 172*d.*

1509, Nov. 19.—Mr. Roger Churche appointed proctor of the chapter for the parliament; he shall be allowed in complement

* For an explanation of Paul's feet see H.E.D., *s.v.* Paul.

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of his great residence all the days of his absence on business concerning the parliament, without cotidians.—*fo.* 174.

1509, Dec. 1.—Mr. John Claymonde, clerk, admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Whitechurche, vacant by the death of Thomas Clifford.—*fo.* 172.

Certain statutes delivered [to the vicars—*margin*], so that by frequently reading them among themselves, they [the vicars] may have more certain knowledge of them.

1509, Dec. 14.—Mr. Thomas Lynacre, M.D., admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Eston in Gordano, vacant by the resignation of Mr. Christopher Urswyke.

Sir William Lane admitted a perpetual vicar.

1509–10, Jan. 1.—William Wykes, clerk, admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe I, vacant by the death of Christopher Twynyoo [Twynhoe].—*fo.* 173*d.*

1509–10, Jan. 5.—Canons Hugh Yng and Roger Churche appointed proctors for convocation ; they shall have all days of their absence in complement of their great residence, without cotidians.—*fo.* 174.

1509–10, Jan. 2.—Thomas Prowse, vicar-choral, was accused of incontinence with the maid-servants of William Walby and John Hunt, which he denied. He was ordered to purge himself with the 6th hand of his fellows, which he failed to do at the time appointed. Finally he was deprived of his habit. On March 15, he made humble submission and gave a bond in 10*l.* for his good behaviour ; he was thereupon restored to his habit.—*fos.* 174*d.*, 175, 175*d.*

1509–10, Jan. 5.—Master John Edmundes was warned to appear on Monday next to answer a charge of incontinence with the wife of Hugh Elme [?].—*fo.* 125*a.**

1509–10, Jan. 7.—Master Edmundes did not appear, and was pronounced contumacious.

1509–10, Feb. 16.—Agreed that Mr. Hugh Yng, the steward, shall sell the wood [*silva*] at Shepham.—*fo.* 173*d.*

1509–10, Feb. 16.—A lettre myssyve sent from the president and chapitre of Welles to Masters Hugh Yng and Roger Churche.—*fo.* 173*d.*

Right honorable maisters, we hertily recommende us unto you. And forasmuche that lately an unkynde trespas was

* Bound out of place.

done to our churche by Richard Bramston, sometyme vicar, which come in privye and gisgised [*sic*, ? disguised] apparell, to have hadde awey one of our best queresters [choristers], that is to say, Farre, and therwit takyn. We hertily desire you bothe to obteyne of the king a protection, wherby we may in tyme herafter disappoynte suche unfittynge labours ayenst the cathedrall church, so sett *quasi in culo* [*sic*, *? oculo*] *mundi*. And over this, yf ye thynk it expedient to have graunted in the same protection, in tyme of necessite we to have the kinge's favour to have eny childe in monasteryes, or eny other places withyn the diocise, to serve Seynt Andreue. Upon these premisses we wolde have written to Mr. Deane, but it was said he shuld rathre departe from London. Therfore, if he be there, us semeth convenyent he knowe of this our desire ; neverthelesse, we referr it to your discretion, trustyng you to have all our other causes in remembraunce, as well for Bucland Abbot, for more the fermour of Bunham, as for Birt of Byconaller. Thus fayr ye wele. Saturday before the first Sunday of Lent.

By the president and chapitre of Wrelles.—*fo.* 174.

1509–10, March 14.—It was proposed that no canon residentiary shall have his daily distributions unless he be once in the day at matins, or prime, or mass, or vespers, except two days of grace in the week. The canons present could not agree, and the matter was adjourned.—*fo.* 176.

1509–10, March 15.—Master Edmundes appeared, and humbly submitted. He was ordered to give a pair of vestments, price 33*s.* 4*d.*, to the altar of Master Gunthorpe, late dean, before St. George's day next.—*fo.* 125*a.**

1509–10, March 15.—Master Reynold West, the sub-dean, protested that he would not consent to give any grace to any canon hereafter for this present year ; and he required me, Robert Williamson, scribe of the acts, to make mention thereof.

1510, March 26.—Master Robert Gumby, canon and prebendary of Dyndre, admitted a canon residentiary ; he paid 100 marks caution money.

He was collated to the canonical house in the Mountry Lane, which Mr. Richard Worthyngton last dwelt in, and now vacant. He must before Michaelmas well and sufficiently repair, remake, roof and maintain the said house, fit for a canon residentiary, unless he can in the meantime acquire some other canonical house. In the meantime he may have the *hospitium* of Mr. Thomas Tomyoo, archdeacon of Bath, until his coming, and then he must take up his residence

* Bound out of place.

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personally in the said house in Le Mountry Lane, unless he can get another canonical house.—*fo.* 176*d.*

Mr. William Mors, canon residentiary, cannot make his continual residence in the canonical house limited to him on his admission. Therefore, the canons, unanimously, but with great difficulty, granted him a house near the churchyard of the cathedral, where Gilbert Jacob lately dwelt. This act is not to be cited as a precedent [*non trahitur in exemplum*].

1510, April 16.—Nicholas Preschon admitted a perpetual vicar.—*fo.* 177.

Master J. Edmundes delivered a pair of vestments of white damask "wit angelles," for the altar of the late dean Gunthorpe, according to the injunction laid upon him.

The ordinances of the chantry of Sir T[homas] B[eckington] were read by the dean.

Agreed that Mr. William Mors should have the mass of Mr. John Gunthorp, late dean, and likewise the processions, and dues [*debita*] thereof, *ipso infirmitate gravato et legitime prepedito.*

Every canon residentiary being in the town and lawfully prevented [*legitime prepeditus hoc est infirmitate tentus*] may have the mass of Sir Thomas Bekyngton, and the dues thereof according to the ordination thereof. Mr. Reynold West gave his consent, if not contrary to the will of the founder.

1510, April 29.—Agreed to give Mr. Stephen Dowce, canon of the cathedral church, 13*s.* 4*d.* to preach 4 times a year at Lovyngton and Baroughe, appurtenances of the said church. —*fo.* 177*d.*

1510, May 18.—John Grove admitted a vicar non-perpetual.

1510, May 25.—Agreed that the book called Blakboke, lying in the treasury, be chained in the small bookcase [*in parva libraria*] before Michaelmas next, and that a desk be prepared for it. Every canon residentiary may have a key for it, if he wish.

1510, May 27.—Richard Paty, vicar-choral, for absenting himself from services on various occasions, sentenced to stand in the lower place on the second step, in his surplice and without his habit, at vespers and matins on Wednesday, the eve of Corpus Christi, and in like manner at prime and high mass on Corpus Christi day. On the said eve, at vespers, he presumptuously entered the choir in his habit. The dean called him, and said, 'Why are you not doing your penance?' He said, 'I will not do public penance, I would rather go away' [*recedere*]. Then the dean said, 'Go away' [*transeatis*].—*fo.* 180.

On June 8 he appeared in the chapter house and said openly that he would not do public penance, but would rather go

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away. And so, before the chapter, of his own free will he went away; and the dean, with the consent of the chapter, declared him to be no longer a vicar.

1509, May 18.—Grant by the dean and chapter to Peter Carslegh of a messuage with a curtilage and two cottages annexed and all lands anciently pertaining thereto, situate in the borough of Wells, which Walter Baker formerly held. To hold to Carslegh and his assigns for 80 years from Michaelmas next, at a yearly rent of 10*s.* to the escheator and 3*s.* 4*d.* to the communar; lessee to do all necessary building, repairs and maintenance.—*fos.* 178, 178*d.*

1510, June 8.—Agreed that the ordinance, decree and refreshment [*recreatio*] anciently made in the week of Pentecost, according to the laudable custom of the cathedral church of Wells commonly used, which *recreatio* is called O.O.O., be kept and observed, with this condition added, that each canon residentiary having a dignity, if present in that week according to his course, ought to refresh [*recreare*] the canons and vicars at his house after nones [*post nona*], according to ancient custom; and all of them absent in that week, within 10 days after their return to town, on some feasting day [*in die festivo commestibili*], and before Michaelmas then next, shall refresh [*recreabunt*] the canons and vicars after dinner in their houses; and if any of them refuse so to do, he shall lose his cotidians until he shall do so, according to the ancient custom. —*for.* 179, 179*d.*

1510, June 27.—Lease from Hadrian, bishop of Bath and Wells, to Oliver Moryell of the parish of St. Clement Danes, outside the bar of the New Temple, crosbowemaker, of a messuage situated in the said parish, between the tenement of Hugh, bishop of Exeter, on the east, and that where Margaret Kefe now dwells, on the west, the stable of the said cardinal on the south, and the king's highway on the north; to hold to Oliver and his assigns for 40 years, at a rent of 26*s.* 8*d.* the lessee doing all repairs and maintenance.—*fos.* 180, 180*d.*

1510, Aug. 17.—Mr. William Champernoun admitted as master of the schools, and was assigned the stall in the choir anciently due.—*fo.* 179*d.*

Mr. Reynold West, sub-dean, dissented, and wished to consider it until the coming of Mr. Dr. Churche.

1510, Aug. 19.—The dean said 'I have appointed this day for visiting the *annuellarii* of the college, and so I propose to visit them to day.' To which the canons immediately replied that the visitation of the *annuellarii* belonged to the dean and chapter, and not to the dean alone, and therefore he must

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hold the visitation in the name of the chapter. The dean said that he would do so, protesting that he did not wish to do anything to the prejudice of the chapter.—[Also on *fo.* 183*d.*] —*fos.* 179, 180.

1510, Aug. 30.—The dean, in the presence of the chapter and of Robert Williamson, the scribe of the acts, delivered to Mr. John Bekham a book written on parchment, containing certain charters relating to Bukland Abbot's and Biconaller.

1510, Sept. 2.—Roger Preston, sub-deacon, admitted a vicar non-perpetual.

1510, Sept. 11.—Mr. John Claymonde admitted a canon, and installed in person in the prebend of Whitechurche.—*fo.* 181.

1510, Sept. 20.—Lease by the dean and chapter to Thomas Cornyssho, bishop of Tine, the precentor, of a messuage and garden "by Estwalles," which John Knyff lately held, situate between the messuage of the prior of St. John the Baptist, Wells, where John Barbour now lives, on the east, and the close of the vicars of the New Close on the west; also ½ acre of land in a *stadium* called Dydman, between land late of Nicholas Vele on the east and land late of Thomas Houper on the west; also ½ acre of land in another *stadium* extending towards Dydman and towards "iij le busshes," and ½ acre of land lying above Wareorchard, near the road leading to Bath, one rood of land lying there, 3 roods of land lying in the same *stadium*. ½ acre of land in the same *stadium*, 1 acre of land lying in Myltonfeld, called Balitrow, and ½ acre of meadow lying in Cassewelmede; for 60 years from Michaelmas next; paying yearly 5*s.* 4*d.* Also the reversion of 4½ acres of land in the east and west fields of Wells, now in the tenure of Richard Atwater, to hold for the term of 60 years annexed to the said messuage, at a yearly rent of 18*d.*, after the death, surrender or forfeiture of the said Richard Atwater. Lessee to repair and maintain all buildings. Power of distress if the rent of 5*s.* 4*d.*, or 6*s.* 10*d.* when the 4½ acres shall revert, is in arrear for 15 days. Power of re-entry if the rent is in arrear for a month and there is no sufficient distress, or if the buildings are not sufficiently repaired and maintained, or if there be any waste done. Witnesses: John Walshote, then master of the city of Welles, John Standwyke, notary public by apostolic authority, Walter Serger, and Henry Cornyssho.—*fo.* 195*d.*

1510, Sept. 27.—Sir Andrew Anthony, priest, admitted a vicar non-perpetual.

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ACCOUNTS of THOMAS WESTON, the ESCHEATOR, from MICHAELMAS, 1509, to MICHAELMAS, 1510.

Receipts.

Oblations: On the anniversary of King Henry VII			4*d.*
at the burial of John Turnpeny			4½*d.*
on the anniversary of John Gunthorppe			½*d.*
at the burial of John Holme			2*d.*
at the burial of John Fox		1*s.*	1½*d.*
Obits: Thomas Wodforde		1*s.*	0*d.*
Thomas Beamonde, part of 100 marks given by him, 2nd year	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Vacant prebends: Wiveliscombe, by the death of Mr. Edward Wylloby	1*l.*	17*s.*	0*d.*
Wedmore V, by the death of Mr. John Hatton	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

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1510, St. Jerome's day, Sept. 30.—Collation to priories, chantries and offices, as before.—*fo.* 182.

Clerk of the fabric: Pomeray.

Communar: Capron.

Sub-treasurer: Ferr'.

Escheator: nominated by the vicars, Abbot, Godard and Weston; chosen by the canons, Weston.

Tabeller: Mores.

1510, Oct. 1.—Mr. Robert Gumby, canon residentiary, was the possessor of a canonical house in Le Mountrey Lane, from the Annunciation B.V.M. last to Michaelmas last, granted to him by the chapter, he paying 13*s.* 4*d.* for the half year; he now undertakes to pay 20*s.* for the same house, for one whole year to Michaelmas next, and the like in every year following, until he can be provided with or acquire another canonical house of his own. He may let the said canonical house to a tenant during the same period, and may have the use of it to make his residence in.—*fo.* 182*d.*

1510, Oct. 15.—Agreed that on the 17th inst. Mr. Reynold West, the sub-dean, in the name of the dean and chapter, should continue the visitation of the college of annuellars, begun by the dean on Aug. 19 last. The dean was not present. —*fo.* 183*d.*

John Harman, vicar-choral, was charged with having committed adultery with one Maude, and having a child by her. He confessed, and was excommunicated. On Oct. 26 he was absolved from the excommunication. He was ordered to go before the cross in the procession in the cathedral on Sunday next, the 27th, in his surplice, without his habit, and

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with a "halywaterboket" in his hand; after the procession, to resume his habit and sit in his stall; and he must do the same on the Wednesday and Friday in the second week following.—*fo.* 184.

1510, Nov. 16.—John Hampton admitted a vicar non-perpetual.—*fo.* 184*d.*

1510, Dec. 7.—Sir John Champernoun otherwise Chamborne, chaplain, presented to the parish church or chapel with cure [*capella curata*] of Estlambroke, vacant by the death of Sir Robert Bekkeswyke.—*fo.* 185.

1510, Dec. 22, 24.—Confirmation of a lease, dated Oct. 12, by Hadrian, cardinal and bishop, to Peter Hughson of the parish of St. Clement Danes, tailor, of two messuages in the said parish, between the cardinal's tenement where Oliver Moriell, crossbowmaker, now lives, on the east, and the cardinal's tenement where Nicholas Haddef now lives on the west, and the cardinal's stable on the south, and the king's highway on the north. To hold for 40 years, at a rent of 3*l.*, all repairs and maintenance by the lessee.—*fo.* 185*d.*

1510–11, Jan. 1.—Ordered that no canon of Wells chosen to be steward shall hereafter grant to any person the reversions of lands or tenements, nor by himself make fines of lands and tenements, nor demise farms of benefices, unless he first announce in chapter the names of the persons and the sum offered by them, and obtains the consent of a majority, &c. He shall not grant a license to marry to any widow, unless she, in full court or before the dean and chapter, surrender her holding, &c.—*fo.* 186*d.*

Any steward contravening this decree shall for the first time lose half of the liberty of 20 days granted to him by reason of his office, &c.—*fo.* 187.

1510–11, Jan. 2.—Mr. Roger Churche appointed steward for three years. The canons residentiary also appointed him their official to take knowledge of, hear and proceed in all causes, suits and business in all jurisdictions, peculiars or spiritual, of Northcory, Wynsham, Nicholascombes, Chedder, Lydeard Bishop's and Lovyngton, and to determine them; also to inquire into, correct and punish all crimes, &c., to admit proof of wills, to grant administrations, to receive perquisites and to give acquittances, rendering a faithful account.— *fo.* 187*d.*

1510–11, Jan. 11.—William Villers, clerk, admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Tymbercombe, vacant by the death of Mr. James Villers.—*fo.* 187.

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Mr. John Bekham is granted all days of grace, *cum fructu et cotidianis distribucionibus*, and also with the obit of Sir Thomas Bekyngton, so long as he shall be absent on the business of the church.

1510–11, Jan. 25.—Sir William Champernoun, chaplain, presented to the perpetual chantry at the altar of St. Kalixtus, founded for the soul of Sir Henry Husee, sometime dean.—*fo.* 187*d.*

1510–11, Feb. 18.—Master John Chamber installed by proxy in the treasurship, with the consent of the chapter and by the authority of the bishop, testified by his letter to the dean and chapter.—*fo.* 188.

1511, April 1.—Mr. Thomas Goldwege, canon residentiary, presented to the parish church of Shepham, vacant by the death of Sir William Oldesworthy, the last rector.

Mr. John Wilmote, *in decretis baccalarius*, collated to the chantry of Bishop Erghum at the altar of St. Edmund in the nave, vacant by the resignation of Sir J. Evan.—*fo.* 188*d.*

1511, April 7.—Sir Walter Hancokk, chaplain, collated to one of the four chantries founded for the soul of Bishop Bubbwith, vacant by the resignation of Mr. John Wilmot.

1511, April 15.—Richard Antell admitted as an altarist.

1511, April 16.—Agreed that the wood [*silva*] in Estpakk of Estcory be sold by the steward, to the best profit of the chapter.—*fo.* 189.

A writ called *quo jure* is to be obtained,

The obit of Mr. Hugh Sugar is to be continued every year.

1511, May 17.—John Grove admitted a perpetual vicar.

1511, May 26.—Grant to Mr. Roger Churche of the nomination to the chantry founded in the churchyard of the parish church of Northcory, vacant by the resignation of Sir J. Maunfeld.

1511, June 5.—Mr. William Horsey, *decretorum doctor*, admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Wedmore IV, by the authority of the bishop.

Sir John Pope, annuellar of the college, and chaplain of one of the four Bubwith chantries, has leave of absence for a time on account of sickness.

1511, July 7.—Sir John Dun admitted a vicar non-perpetual.—*fo.* 189*d.*

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1511, July 15.—John Fox, clerk, admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Hengestrige, vacant by the resignation [death, *in margin*] of Mr. Thomas Harryes.

1511, Sept. 2.—Sir Roger Preston admitted a perpetual vicar.

1511, Sept. 12.—Confirmation of a lease, dated Feb. 3 last, from the cardinal and bishop to John Sclater, sadler, of a messuage called The Cardinalles Hatt, in the parish of St. Clement Danes, lying between a tenement of the cardinal's where William Potter lives on the east, a tenement of John Lovell's where Peter Forton, bokebynder, lives on the west, the wall of the cardinal's place and the wall of Strande on the south, and the king's highway on the north ; for 40 years from Michaelmas last, rent 5 marks, lessee doing repairs. Dated at London.—*fo.* 190.

Confirmation of a lease, dated April 8 last, from the cardinal and bishop to John Coke, of a messuage and garden, where John now lives, in the parish of St. Clement Danes, lying between the tenement of the cardinal's where Thomas Ferlyng now lives on the west, another tenement of the cardinal's where Richard Takill now lives on the east, the wall of the place and the hall of the mansion of the cardinal on the south, and the king's highway on the north ; for 40 years from the Nativity of St. John Baptist next, rent 40*s.*, lessee doing repairs. Dated at London.—*fo.* 191.

Confirmation of a lease, dated April 10 last, from the cardinal and bishop to Thomas Hunter, of a messuage where he now lives, in the parish of St. Clement Danes, lying between a tenement of the cardinal's where Henry Savell now lives on the west, another tenement of the cardinal's where John Dekynson now lives on the east, the wall of the place and hall of the cardinal's mansion on the south, and the king's highway on the north ; for 40 years from the Nativity of St. John Baptist next, rent 20*s.*, lessee doing repairs. Dated at London.—*fo.* 192.

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1511, St. Jerome's day, Sept. 30.—Collation to priories, chantries and offices, as before.—*fo.* 193.

Clerk of the fabric : Pomerey.—*fo.* 194*d.*

Communar : Capron.

Sub-treasurer : Ferr'.

Escheator : nominated by the vicars, Weston, Mores and Abbot ; chosen by the canons, Weston.

Tabeller : Mores.

Baron of the exchequer : the lord [bishop] of Tine.

Auditors : Edmundes and Gumby.

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1511, Sept. 30.—Sir Robert Webbe, chaplain, nominated to the parish church or chapel with cure [*capella curata*] of Estlambroke, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Champernoun otherwise Chambourn.

1511, Oct. 1.—The dean delivered two acquittances for Alverton to Mr. Thomas Goldwege.—*fo.* 195.

Mr. Thomas Goldwege and Mr. Robert Gumby to produce on the 11th inst. the corrected indentures of the things and jewels in the treasury.

Every vicar must give a quarter's notice before he leaves.

1511, Oct. 4.—Sir Thomas Draper, chaplain, presented to the perpetual chantry at the altar of St. Kalixtus, founded for the soul of Henry Husee, sometime dean.

1511, Oct. 18.—John Jonys admitted a vicar non-perpetual. —*fo.* 197*d.*

1511, Oct. 30.—Mr. Roger Churche, vicar-general in spirituals, in his ordinarial visitation, agreed that Sir John Godard should be master of the schools, if Mr. Robert Dykar would consent, and should have the stall of St. Andrew. The said Sir John had license not to come to matins in the night, except on principal feasts, greater doubles and processions, but he may have commons as the other vicars. He shall begin to keep school on the feast of SS. Philip and James [May 1] next, and after that, for 6 years, if he shall do well.—*fo.* 197*d.*

Ordered that no canon residentiary shall receive any servant expelled from the service of another canon residentiary, without the consent of such canon, on pain of losing his cotidians for a month.

1511, Oct. 31.—John Harman, vicar-choral, warned to abstain from the company of one Maude, staying with Stephen, the bishop of Tine's servant, on pain of losing his habit.

1511, Nov. 8.—The ordinances of Bishop Bekyngton's chantry were read by the dean.—*fo.* 198.

Est Stoke Park granted to William Northover.

1511, Nov. 27.—Agreed that William Northover shall have Est Stoke park.

The wardship of a girl called Imberford was granted to the dean for 5*l.* which was to be divided *inter residentes.*

Mr. T. Goldwege may have 2 oaks, John Edmundes 2. and John Bekham one, at Wynscombe.

[? 1511–12,] July [? Jan.] 1.—Agreed that if 20*l* can be had for Whitechurche, the steward shall let it to farm.—*fo.* 198*d.*

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1511–12, Jan. 5.—Canons Hugh Yng and Roger Church appointed proctors both for parliament and convocation; they shall have all days of grace in complement of their great residence, without cotidians.

1511–12, Jan. 17.—Mr. Roger Churche, vicar-general, said that he had funds in his hands of the income belonging to the chapel of B.V.M. behind the high altar; Mr. W. Mors, another vicar-general, said that he had in his hands 26*s.* 8*d.* They would spend these on the repairs, &c. of the chapel, if the chapter would warrant and defend them; and the chapter agreed.

1511–12, Jan. 26.—Agreed that Mr. Copland, proctor of the court of Canterbury, shall be proctor for the chapter in the cause concerning Mr. Carowe. The dean shall have from the chapter [the costs of] the citation and also 6*s.* 8*d.* which he paid the sheriff.—*fo.* 199.

They gave power to Mr. John Bekham to sell grain [*grana*] at Wynscombe.

The widow of Wynscombe may have 2 elms, on condition that she puts two others in their place.

Sir Richard Pomerey shall well and sufficiently make the "whyrlgog" opposite the gate of the archdeaconry. The gate near the entrance to the Camerey to be locked [*seratur*].

1511–12, March 13.—The bishop of Tine and Mr. John Edmundes deputed to ride to Ilchestre, to solicit in all matters concerning assizes for the cathedral and chapter, with general and special power to send, provide or do all things necessary about the same, as in victuals, rewards, &c.; wishing Robert Whityng and some other to be our solicitors [?; *solitarios* for *solicitores*] in the premises.

1512, April 1.—The communar is to mend or cause to be mended the pipe by which the course of the water descends in every house of the New Work; and also to see that a wall be well and properly made this side of the road or near the road at the head of the gardens belonging to the tenants of the New Work; also to cleanse or cause to be cleansed the dung lying in the same place, and to mend and new make a wall within the "wyrlgoge" near the exchange [*mutarium*] or house where John Howse lately dwelt.—*fo.* 199*d.*

1512, May 3.—Agreed to confirm the bishop's grant of Westbury Park, and to seal it with the common seal of the chapter, out of special regard [?; *ad contemplationem specialem*] for Mr. Polidor Virgil, archdeacon of Wells, the bishop's proctor; but only on condition that the said Mr. Polidor, as such proctor, shall seal a collation to Mr. W. Mors, canon residentiary, for life, of the canonical house in which he now lives,

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and that the under-mentioned T. Broke shall pay to the chapter for sealing the grant 26*s.* 8*d.*, and to the chapter scribe 3*s.* 4*d.*, and for the keys [? ; *pro clavibus*] 16*d.* The grant follows.

1511–12, Jan. 8.—Grant by the bishop to Thomas Broke, for his good service, of the office of keeper of the park of Westbury, co. Somerset, to hold to him for life, and to be exercised by him or his sufficient deputy, with the yearly wages of 58*s.* 8*d.* (whereof 6*s.* 8*d.* is for shoe-leather [*pro calciatura*]) and all other profits and emoluments anciently belonging to that office. Also, demise to the said Thomas, for life, of the herbage and pannage of the said park, reserving sufficient for our game [*pro feris nostris*], paying the same rent as other parkers have been wont to pay. He may not sell, alien or pledge the office, without license. Power reserved to resume possession of the herbage and pannage, at the pleasure of the bishop or his successors, for the sustentation of their own animals for their own use.—*fo.* 200.

1512, [? May 3].—Mr. John Edmundes deputed to ride to London and to solicit divers matters concerning the chapter ; he shall have all days of grace in complement of his great residence, with cotidians, and shall be allowed 3*s.* 4*d.* a day for the expenses of himself and his servants.—*fo.* 201.

The bishop of Tine deputed to ride to Lord Fitzwaren, Byconaller and other places, to communicate and solicit divers matters and causes concerning the chapter ; he shall have 10 days of grace in complement of his great residence, *sine fructu.*

1512, May 16.—Mr. Robert Becansall, *sacre pagine doctor*, installed by proxy as succentor, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1512, July 1.—Grant of 34 days of grace, *sine fructu*, to the dean, in complement of his residence, in recompense of his labours at London on the church's business during the time of parliament and convocation.—*fo.* 201*d.*

Grant of 46 days, *sine fructu*, to Mr. Peter Carslegho, in recompense of certain burdens which he voluntarily undertook, in doing certain repairs within the churches and chapels in the parish of Northcory. The communar is ordered to insert these days in the alphabet of governors [? ; *in alphabeto presidencium*] in the term of St. John.

Grant of 46 days to be counted next year, after Michaelmas, viz. : 20 *cum pleno fructu* and 26 *sine fructu*, to Mr. Peter Carslegho, in complement of his residence for that year, for the like cuase.

1512, July 7.—Sir John Dun admitted a perpetual vicar.—*fo.* 201.

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Accounts of Thomas Weston, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1511, to Michaelmas, 1512.

Receipts.

Oblations: At the obit of Mr. Thomas Harres			8*d.*
at the anniversary of Mr. Thomas Beamonde			1*d.*
Obit of Thomas Beamonde, part of his gift of 100 marks, fifth year	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Vacant prebends: Timberscombe, by the death of Mr. James Vellers	7*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Wedmore IV, by the death of Mr. N. Burton	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

Paid to 39 persons from Timberscombe prebend	3*l.*	8*s.*	3*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	13*s.*	4½*d.*
vicar for stall	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
To 46 persons from Wedmore IV	2*l.*	12*s.*	6*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
To 41 persons at dirige for Thomas Beamonde		17*s.*	1*d.*
and at mass		17*s.*	1*d.*
Bell for Thomas Beamonde			8*d.*
wax at his exequies			8*d.*
For 6,009 tilepins		1*s.*	6*d.*
2,000 lathnails		1*s.*	10*d.*
700 bordnail		2*s.*	11*d.*
one wagonload of tilestones		5*s.*	2*d.*

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1512, St. Jerome's day, Sept. 30.—Collation to priories, chantries and offices, as before.—*fo.* 201*d.*

Clerk of the fabric: Pomeroy.—*fo.* 202*d.*

Communar: Capron.

Sub-treasurer: Forr.

Escheator: Weston.

Tabeller: Mores.

1512, Sept. 30.—John Gaylard admitted a vicar non-perpetual.

1512, Oct. 25.—Grant to Sir John Gye, vicar-choral, for his good and diligent service to God and St. Andrew, namely, his musical praises [*laudibus organicis*], and for his diligent instruction of the boys and choristers—of a reward of 26*s.* 8*d.* to be paid by the clerk of the fabric from a vacant stall, for

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one whole year. He must faithfully keep and observe the duty of the said stall when its turn comes round [*cum cursus advenerit*].—*fo.* 203.

Mr. Reynold West, sub-dean, objected for himself, and also for Mr. Roger Churche, whose proctor he was.

1512, Dec. 9.—Grant to Mr. Thomas Goldwege of a place of sepulture in the chapel of Corpus Christi on the north part of the church.

1512, Dec. 17.—Collation of a chamber or place in the almshouse in the city of Wells to John Gollover [margin: *Vacat, quia cursus pertinet magistro civitatis*].

1512–13, Jan. 2.—Decreed that the name of Mr. Thomas Harres, late treasurer, be inserted in the roll of governors [*? presidencium dominicalium*], because he in his lifetime paid more than 200 marks of his own goods for the common utility of this church. *Cujus anime propicietur deus, amen.*—*fo.* 203.

1512–13, Jan. 8.—Decreed that the obit of Bishop Bubwith shall cease [*defalcatur*] at the end of 10 years, and that during such period 6*s.* 8*d.* shall be abated of the stipend of each of the four chaplains.—*fo.* 203*d.*

Mr. Roger Churche, the steward, and Mr. T. Goldwege may grant to the parishioners of Shepham a tenement late of Isabel Piers.

A fee of 20*s.* granted to Mr. Robert Bowryng.

1512–13, March 22.—Confirmation of a grant by the bishop to Edmund Mylle, for his good and faithful service, of the office of keeper of the park of Banwell and of the manor or mansion of Banwell, and of bailiff of the hundred of Wynterstoke, to hold for his life, and to be exercised by himself or his sufficient deputy, with a yearly fee of 10 marks. Dated March 13, 4 Henry VIII.

1513, May 14.—Thomas Piper admitted a vicar non-perpetual.—*fo.* 204*d.*

1513, May 18.—Confirmation of a grant by the bishop to Thomas Twesell of the office of auditor of all accounts of receivers, bailiffs, &c., of all lordships, manors and possessions of the see of Bath and Wells, to hold to him for life, and to be exercised by himself or his sufficient deputy, with the accustomed fee and with all due emoluments as fully as Thomas Hobson, late auditor, held it. Dated April 15, 4 Hen. VIII.

1513, July 1.—Confirmation of a grant by the bishop to Mr. Jerome Virgil, for good service to the bishop and to the cathedral churches of Bath and Wells, of the office of keeper

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of the *hospitium* in the parish of St. Clement Danes, with the mansion or tenement, annexed thereto on the outer side of the same, which William Clervys now holds, between the tenement of John Eddes on the east and that of John Coke on the west; to hold to him for life, and to be exercised by himself or his sufficient deputy; taking the wages of $2\frac{1}{2}d.$ a day and also a robe of the suit of the gentlemen of the bishop's service against Christmas, so often as the bishop or his successors gives livery of this kind; and also a mess of food [*ferculum ciborum*] with bread and drink, every day when the bishop or his successors are staying in the *hospitium*. Dated May 31, 1513.—*fo.* 205*d.*

Dominus Midensis [*Dominus Hugo Yng, episcopus Meden'* —interlined], prebend of Estharptre, appointed Mr. T. Tomyoo, archdeacon of Bath, Peter Carsleghe, Roger Churche, Thomas Goldwege, John Bekham and John Edmundes, canons residentiary, his proctors in all matters relating to chapters or the visitations of the bishop.—*fo.* 206*d.*

1513, July 6.—Mr. Robert Hill, M.A., admitted master of the schools, on taking the oath of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter.

The chapter proceeded to the choice of a vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Wells, vacant by the death of Thomas Cornyssh, bishop of Tine. Mr. William Mors, canon residentiary, and Mr. John Calveley, M.A., were the candidates. Calveley was chosen by a majority, the dean not voting. On being asked whom he wished to be nominated, the dean said he would not then nominate, and adjourned the chapter to the next day, those who had voted for Calveley objecting. The dean, Thomyoo, Goldwege and Mors then withdrew, the others remaining and sitting there as a chapter [*capitulariter*]. And since the dean, before he went away, had been required by Mr. Reynold West to declare Mr. Calveley, as duly nominated by a majority of the chapter, to be presented to the vicarage, and he had not done so and had *de facto* refused to do so; wherefore, after his [the dean's] going, Mr. West then remaining with other four, Masters Carsleghe, Yng, Churche and Bekham; and West, then holding the place of president, declared Calveley to be presented to the said vicarage by the consent of the dean and chapter, because he was nominated by a majority of the chapter. And thereupon the said sub-dean [West], in the names of himself and the other four, required Mr. Churche, the vicar-general in spirituals of the bishop, to admit Calveley as rightly presented, whenever he should come to him *ad hoc et instaret ad dictam vicariam.*—*fo.* 207.

1513, July 17.—Mr. Walter Piers, LL.D., installed by proxy as precentor, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 208.

1512–1513.

1513, July 31.—Mr. Thomas Lovell, *decretorum doctor*, admitted a canon, and installed in person in the prebend of Bukland Dynham, vacant by the death of Gundissalve Ferdinandi.

1513, Aug. 6.—Sir John Parsons, annuellar of the college, was charged with adultery with the wife of John Tresorer, since he was found in her house at night, under suspicious circumstances; he submitted himself to correction. Ordered that he must paint a king not yet painted in front of the door of the choir, at once [*incontinenter*], and if he shall not be indicted in the king's court before Michaelmas next or the following term, then he shall paint another king not yet painted. He was further warned to abstain from the house and society of the woman, under pain of being deprived of his chantry. Reynold West, the sub-dean, objected.—*fo.* 208*d.*

1513, Aug. 30.—Mr. Thomas Wulcy admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Compton Dunden.—*fo.* 208.

1513, Sept. 3.—Sir William God was charged with incontinence with a woman called Alice Knytter. He denied it, but confessed the rumour and submitted to correction. Ordered that on Sunday next, the feast of the Nativity of the B.V.M., and on the Sunday following, he must go before the cross in the procession, with a taper in his hand. At his humble request the penance was changed, and he was ordered to paint the image of St. Michael, together with the tabernacle, before Michaelmas next.—*fo.* 209.

1513, Sept. 6.—Grant to William Mors, canon residentiary, of the canonical house now vacant by the death of Mr. Thomas Goldwege, paying the accustomed rent to the escheator.—*fo.* 208.

Mr. John Bekham presented to the vicarage of the parish church of Cheddre, vacant by the death of T. Goldwege.—*fo.* 208*d.*

The dean and canons, in the presence of me, Thomas Roger, *in decretis baccalarius*, of the diocese of Canterbury, notary public by apostolic authority, their scribe then assumed, unanimously nominated Master Robert Williamson, notary public by apostolic authority and their scribe, then absent, to the parish church of Shepham, vacant by the death of Mr. Thomas Goldwege, the last rector; and they have asked me, the said notary, to insert and make mention of this act, which I have done, with my hand and sign manual.

T. Roger.

1513–1514.

1513, St. Jerome's Day, Sept. 30.—Collation to priories, chantries, etc., as before.—*fo.* 209.

1513–1514.

Clerk of the fabric : Pomorey.—*fo.* 210.
Communar : Capron.
Sub-treasurer : Ferr.
Escheator : by the vicars, Weston, Orchard [? Achard] and Abbot ; by the canons, Weston.
Tabellar : Goddard :

1513, Sept. 30.—John Gaylard admitted a perpetual vicar.

1513, Nov. 6.—Mr. Thomas Lovell, *decretorum doctor*, prayed to be admitted a canon residentiary. But because Mr. Roger Churche, vicar general in spirituals of the bishop, in the last ordinarial visitation, on Oct. 30, 1511, with the consent of the canons then present and resident and of the other canons by their proctors, had agreed and appointed among themselves that no canon should be admitted to residence in the cathedral church unless he could expend clear 40*l.* apart from his prebend and dignity and the income and emoluments of the cathedral ; moreover it was then and there agreed and appointed among themselves that in case a canon so admitted to residence can expend clear 40*l.* apart, etc., that then he may have, if he can get it [*si habere potest*], a house of his own out of these canonical houses following, used and accustomed for canons residentiary, viz. a house in the public market, now belonging to Mr. John Chamber, the treasurer, or in one of the houses where Masters John Edmundes, Peter Carsleghe, Thomas Austell, Reynold West, William Mors, Edmund Mille, Robert Gumby, John Bekham, Thomas Tomyoo, Hugh Yng, Roger Churche, and Thomas Goldwege, canons residentiary, now [*i.e.* in 1511] live, and not any other house in the town nor in any other place ; as more fully appears in the acts of the visitation.—*fo.* 210*d.*

And immediately Mr. Lovell said that, as to the first statute, on the word of a priest he could well expend 40*l.*, apart, etc., and as to a house, he said that he had a house, but it was not his own, but they waived this point in his case [*sed cum prefato magistro Thoma Lovell super suam propriam domum dispensarunt*]. He thereupon paid his caution money of 100 marks, and the dean, with the consent of his brethren, admitted him a canon residentiary.—*fo.* 211.

1513, Nov. 11.—The dean exhibited an apostolic bull and caused it to be read by Mr. Robert Williamson, the scribe of the chapter acts. And immediately Reynold West, the sub-dean, asked for a copy, and the dean granted it.—*fo.* 211*d.*

1513, Nov. 21.—Mr. James FitzJames, M.A., admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Cudworth, vacant by the death of Mr. T. Goldwege.

1513–1514.

1513, Dec. 1.—A reward of 13*s.* 4*d.*, issuing out of Byconaller, granted to Richard Byktom [?] of Crokham, gent., for his labour in soliciting matters for the chapter at Ilchestre.

Agreed that each canon resident in the year ending Michaelmas last, viz.: Masters T. Tomyoo, Reynold West, Peter Carsleghe, Roger Churche, John Bekham, John Edmundes, William Mors and Robert Gumby, shall pay 20*s.* out of his residence for that year towards the defence of a controversy between Mr. William Cousyn, the dean, and the above-named canons, touching the dean's mode of residing in that year [*de modo residendi ejusdem decani in illo anno*].—*fo.* 212.

Agreed further that a letter shall be composed in their names and sealed with the common seal of the chapter, to be sent to the Roman *curia*, for their defence against the dean, etc.

1513–4, Jan. 2.—Grant to Richard Byktom [?] of Crokeham, gent., of the parsonage [*personatus*] of Stokegummour, for 5 years from Michaelmas last.—*fo.* 212*d.*

Mr. Reynold West, sub-dean, appointed Masters Carsleghe, Churche, Bekham and Lovell, his proctors in all causes concerning the chapter.

Grant to Richard Ronyon of a yearly fee of 13*s.* 4*d.* to be paid by the communar at the time when the sessions are held at Wells.

Mr. H. Hervy shall not receive his fee until he pay 6*s.* 8*d.* he has retained.

1513–4, Jan. 3.—Mr. Roger Churche is chosen steward of the cathedral church and of the chapter for one year, beginning on the morrow of Michaelmas last.—*fo.* 213.

Mr. John Bekham to be assistant to the steward for that year; he shall have all days when he is occupied on the business of the steward for the use of the chapter. He shall be steward in the year following.

He who is assistant to the steward during one year shall be steward during the following year; and so from year to year.

With regard to the dean's residence for the past year, the canons neither consent nor dissent.

1513–4, Jan. 7.—John Gaylard, vicar choral, has license to be absent from matins, except on festival days, until the annunciation of B.V.M. next, on condition that he teach the choristers to sing.—*fo.* 212*d.*

1513–4, Jan. 13.—Masters Roger Churche and John Edmundes to ride to Byconalder to view and take "a vewe" [?] of the lands there.—*fo.* 213.

The official of the archdeacon of Bath shall sequestrate the fruits of the free chapel of Claverham to the use of the chapter, during the time it is vacant.

1513–1514.

1513–4, Jan. 21.—William Mylward admitted a vicar non-perpetual.—*fo.* 213*d.*

19° *Martii* 1669 *stylo Angliæ. Recepi istum librum in custodiam a famula Mr. Dowthwayte.*

*A. H.**

ACCOUNTS of WILLIAM CAPRON, the COMMUNAR, from MICHAELMAS, 1513, to MICHAELMAS, 1514.

Receipts.

Received of the vacancy of Wryngton church	1*l.*	7*s.*	4*d.*
of Shepham church	1*l.*	5*s.*	4*d.*
Sealing: Of Ven. Polydore Vergil, for confirmation of the advowson of Cristen Malford church		6*s.*	8*d.*
of the brother of Ven. Polydore Vergil, for confirmation of his grant of Banwell park	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

Pension, paid by the abbat of Glaston, for indemnifying the dean and chapter for the sequestration of the churches of Doulting and Estbrent	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Paid to the abbat of Glaston, for the king's tenth	35*l.*	18*s.*	7½*d.*
tenth for Pokilchurch	3*l.*	0*s.*	8*d.*
Expenses of the suit against Dean Cousyn for asking, contrary to the statutes of residence, for Papal dispensation, besides 13*l.* 17*s.* from last year's balance	9*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
BYDESHAM. Scouring 2 candlesticks, 4 basins and 1 lectern in the choir		6*s.*	8*d.*
BARLYCH. Fee for bringing the said moneys [viz. for chantry priests]		3*s.*	4*d.*
N.B.—Not to be paid henceforth.			

ACCOUNTS of THOMAS WESTON, the ESCHEATOR, from MICHAELMAS, 1513, to MICHAELMAS, 1514.

Receipts.

At the trental of Mr. Goldwege	1*s.*	10*d.*
At the burial of Barnabas Campe		3*d.*
The mortuary of Henry Goldewege	2*s.*	0*d.*
At the burial of John Abbot		7*d.*

* End of the second part of Liber Ruber.

1513–1514.

The mortuary of Barnabas Campe		1*s.*	8*d.*
The mortuary of John Reede		2*s.*	0*d.*
At the trental of John Abbot			6*d.*
At the burial of Nicholas Prescott			1*d.*
At the burial of Mr. Edmund Myll		5*s.*	1*d.*
his mortuary	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
at his trental		1*s.*	2*d.*
The mortuary of John Aishe		10*s.*	0*d.*
at his burial			4½*d.*
At the anniversary of the bishop of Tine ..		3*s.*	3*d.*
At the burial of Hugh Wowell [*sic*]			1*d.*
At the burial of Mr. Robert Williamson ..		1*s.*	4½*d.*
At the anniversary of Mr. Thomas Goldwege			9*d.*
At the burial of a chorister			1*d.*
Obit : Dom Thomas Cornyshe, first year ..		10*s.*	0*d.*
Vacant prebends : Bukland Dynham, by the death of Mr. Gundissalvus Ferdinandi	8*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Compton Dundon, by the death of Thomas Cornyshe, bishop of Tine ..	22*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Codewhorth, by the death of Mr. Thomas Goldwege	3*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

Paid to 35 persons from the price of a horse, the mortuary of Mr. Edmund Myll ..	1*l.*	19*s.*	4½*d.*
To 41 persons from Bukland Dynham prebend	3*l.*	14*s.*	4*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	17*s.*	2*d.*
vicar for stall	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
subsidy	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To 41 persons from Compton Dunden prebend	13*l.*	5*s.*	7¾*d.*
deceased's portion	6*l.*	13*s.*	0*d.*
vicar for stall	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
subsidy or tenth	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
fee		1*s.*	0*d.*
To 38 persons from Codwhorth prebend		17*s.*	5*d.*
deceased's portion		8*s.*	10*d.*
vicar for stall	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
subsidy or tenth		13*s.*	4*d.*
To 42 persons at the exequies of bishop Cornyshe, at dirige		10*s.*	6*d.*
to 42 at mass		7*s.*	0*d.*
To the dean, present and performing his office at the exequies of Thomas Beamond		2*s.*	0*d.*
For the obit of John Peduel to the venerable Reynold West, subdean, and John Edmunds, canon, absent on the business of the church		1*s.*	6*d.*
Distributed to 35 persons at the account ..	2*l.*	16*s.*	10*d.*

1515–1516.

ACCOUNTS of THOMAS WESTON, the ESCHEATOR, from MICHAELMAS, 1515, to MICHAELMAS, 1516.

Receipts.

Mortuary of Mr. Reynold West	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
at his trental			½*d.*
At the anniversary of the bishop of Tine ..			4*d.*
The mortuary of Alice, daughter of William Goode			8*d.*
at her burial			5½*d.*
Obit of Thomas Austell, for 20 years, this first year	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
of bishop Cornyshe, third year	1*l.*	2*s.*	0*d.*
Vacant prebend: Whormyster, by the death of Mr. Thomas Austell	17*l.*	2*s.*	9*d.*

Expenses.

Paid to 37 persons from Whormyster prebend	10*l.*	6*s.*	2*d.*
deceased's portion	5*l.*	3*s.*	1*d.*
vicar for stall	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
king's tenth		13*s.*	4*d.*
To 39 persons from the mortuary of Mr. Reynold West	1*l.*	19*s.*	10*d.*
To 41 persons at the exequies of Thomas Austell	1*l.*	3*s.*	11*d.*
At the exequies of Thomas Austell, wax bell			8*d.*
			8*d.*
Repairs of houses	2*l.*	17*s.*	7*d.*
Due from the chantry of Holy Trinity of Cheddar, rent for the Bere Inn, arrears for 2½ years	1*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*

1518–1519.

ACCOUNTS of THOMAS WESTON, the ESCHEATOR, from MICHAELMAS, 1518, to MICHAELMAS, 1519.

Receipts.

At the burial of John Moure			7*d.*
his mortuary		8*s.*	0*d.*
At the burial of John Morys			6*d.*
At the burial of Roger Mors			3*d.*
his mortuary		10*s.*	0*d.*
At the burial of Mr. Alexander Hody		1*s.*	0½*d.*
his trental			2*d.*
At the burial of a servant of Christopher Gomolden			6*d.*
his mortuary		10*s.*	4*d.*

1518–1519.

At the anniversary of the bishop of Tine ..			1*d.*
At the burial of Henry Lovell			11*d.*
At the trental of John Alyn			7*d.*
The mortuary of Mr. Alexander Hody ..	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Vacant prebends: Compton Dundon, by the death of Andrew Armonius ..	20*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Milverton II, by the death of Stephen Dowse	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Combe X, by the death of Mr. Thomas Tomeow	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

Paid to 38 persons from Compton Dundon prebend	12*l.*	18*s.*	10½*d.*
deceased's portion	6*l.*	9*s.*	8*d.*
vicar for stall	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
half of a tenth		10*s.*	0*d.*
for good payment			8*d.*
To 39 persons from Milverton II	3*l.*	5*s.*	0*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	12*s.*	6*d.*
vicar for stall	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
half of a tenth		5*s.*	4*d.*
To 39 persons from Combe X	3*l.*	7*s.*	5¼*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	13*s.*	9*d.*
half tenth		5*s.*	4*d.*
To 33 persons from Mr. Alexander Hody's mortuary	2*l.*	12*s.*	0*d.*
To 38 persons at the close of the account	2*l.*	17*s.*	0*d.*

1520–1521.

Accounts of Thomas Weston, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1520, to Michaelmas, 1521.

Receipts.

At the burial of John Beifon [? Begon] ..			2½*d.*
At the burial of Julian Smyth, servant of Dean Cosyn			6½*d.*
The mortuary of J. Smyth		13*s.*	4*d.*
of John Begon		5*s.*	0*d.*
Vacant prebends: Combe II, by the death of Mr. William Mors, LL.D.	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Wedmore II, by the death of Mr. John Edmunds, LL.B.	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
St. Decuman's, by the death of Mr. Henry Ediall	20*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Holcombe, by the death of Mr. Thomas Stephyns, S.T.P.	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

1520–1521.

Expenses.

Paid to 34 persons from Combe II	3*l.*	7*s.*	4*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	13*s.*	8*d.*
half tenth		5*s.*	4*d.*
To 33 persons from Wedmore II	2*l.*	12*s.*	11¼*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	6*s.*	6½*d.*
To 30 persons from St. Decuman	11*l.*	15*s.*	7½*d.*
deceased's portion	5*l.*	18*s.*	0*d.*
vicar of stall	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
To a canon present at the exequies of Mr. Thomas Austell			4*d.*
wax			8*d.*
bell			8*d.*
To 35 persons at the close of the account ..	2*l.*	11*s.*	0*d.*

1524–1525.

Accounts of Edward Prowse, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1524, to Michaelmas, 1525.

Receipts.

At the burial of Dean Cosyn, *decretorum doctor*		1*s.*	10*d.*
at his trental		2*s.*	0*d.*
his mortuary	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
At the burial of Mr. John Moyne, archdeacon of Taunton			5*d.*
at his trental			11*d.*
his mortuary	5*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
At the anniversary of Mr. Thomas Lovell			2*d.*
At the burial of Thomas Cleke			3*d.*
Vacant prebends: Wedmore V, by the death of Mr. William Haryngton, *decretorum doctor*	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Combe XIII, by the death of Mr. Christofer Sydnham	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Taunton, by the death of Mr. William Gilbart	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Ilton, by the death of Mr. Thomas Wells	11*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
Wormestre	9*l.*	5*s.*	0*d.*
Combe IV, by the death of Mr. Roger Church	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Wedmore I, by the death of Dean Cosyn	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Milverton I, by the death of Mr. John Moyn	26*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*

1524–1525.

Expenses.

Paid to 36 persons from Wedmore V	2*l.*	9*s.*	5½*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	4*s.*	10*d.*
the king, fifth of third		5*s.*	4*d.*
To 36 persons from Combe XIII	3*l.*	6*s.*	0*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	13*s.*	2*d.*
the king, fifth of third		7*s.*	2*d.*
To 36 persons from Taunton	2*l.*	9*s.*	6*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	4*s.*	10*d.*
the king, fifth of third		5*s.*	4*d.*
To 37 persons from Ilton	5*l.*	14*s.*	1*d.*
deceased's portion	2*l.*	17*s.*	4½*d.*
vicar for stall	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
the king, fifth of third		19*s.*	4*d.*
To 36 persons from Wermystre	5*l.*	12*s.*	6*d.*
deceased's portion	2*l.*	16*s.*	4*d.*
the king, fifth of third		16*s.*	0*d.*
To 34 persons from Combe IV	3*l.*	15*s.*	2*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	13*s.*	2*d.*
the king, fifth of third		7*s.*	2*d.*
To 34 persons from Wedmore I	39*l.*	19*s.*	0*d.*
To 34 persons from Milverton I	26*l.*	12*s.*	8*d.*
To 33 persons from the mortuary of Mr. William Cosyn	1*l.*	19*s.*	10½*d.*
To 32 persons from the mortuary of Mr. John Moyne	4*l.*	18*s.*	8*d.*

[Obits of Gilbert Sarum and Bishop Haselshaw omitted in Michaelmas quarter.]

Expenses.

Paid at dirige and mass for the obit of Hugh Sugar, Peter de Chichester and Richard Dilaber		10*s.*	3*d.*
at the obits of Elizabeth Fythwarren, J. Moyne, Roger Church and William Mors	1*l.*	16*s.*	8*d.*
To the dean, present at Mr. Thomas Beamond's exequies		2*s.*	0*d.*
To the president of the chapter, present at the exequies of E. Fythwarren, J. Moyne, R. Church and William Mors			8*d.*
Received for the obits of E. Fythwarren, J. Moyne, R. Church and W. Mors	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Paid to Mr. Peter Carseleigh, for the mortuary of Mr. John Moyn		3*s.*	1*d.*
To 37½ persons at the close of the account	2*l.*	2*s.*	3*d.*

1529–1530.

Accounts of Edward Prowse, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1529, to Michaelmas, 1530.

Receipts.

Mortuary of Leonard Huntley		8*s.*	0*d.*
at his burial			3*d.*
Mortuary of Richard Slithale *alias* Athall ..		5*s.*	0*d.*
at his burial			4*d.*
Vacant prebends: Combe X, by the death of Mr. John Pennaunde	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Combe IV, for one term, by resignation or dismissal of Mr. Edmund Grey	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

Paid to 32 persons from Combe X	3*l.*	10*s.*	8*d.*
deceased's portion	1*l.*	15*s.*	5*d.*
To 36 persons from Combe IV		17*s.*	3*d.*
deceased's portion		8*s.*	10½*d.*

[Obit of Bishop Haselshaw reappears.]

Allowed to the escheator for Combe IV, not being vacant by death and therefore belonging to the body of canons	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Allowed for wine this year and the preceding, and for the escheator's reward by consideration of the auditors		11*s.*	3*d.*
To 38 persons at the close of the account ..	1*l.*	19*s.*	7*d.*
remainder 5*d.* pardoned			

1533–1534.

1533, Oct. 18.—Manumission by the bishop [John Clerk] of the family of Goodriche, natives of Banwell, *ab omni jugo servitutis villenagii*. Dated at Banwell. Confirmed by the chapters of Bath and Wells.*—*fo.* 7.

1533–4, Jan. 20.—Grant by the bishop to his brother, Thomas Clerke, esq., of Wokey, and Thomas Horner of Melles, gent., of the next presentation to the parish church of Laverton, when vacant. Dated at Wells.

Confirmed by the chapter, Jan. 8, 31 Hen. VIII, 1539–40. —*fo.* 45.

* This is the first extract from the volume lettered "D." The documents are entered very irregularly as regards date, and are here re-arranged in chronological order. The volume is not an act book, but a ledger or register.

1534–1535.

ACCOUNTS of RICHARD ERYNGTON, the COMMUNAR, from MICHAELMAS, 1534, to MICHAELMAS, 1535.

Receipts.

Received of vacant churches in the archdeaconry of Wells		2*s.*	10½*d.*
and in the archdeaconry of Taunton ..		8*s.*	10½*d.*
Fees of the seal: Presentation to the vicarage of Stokegummer		6*s.*	8*d.*
manumission of one Colyns, besides 10*s.* 8*d.* for the king's tenth	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d*
Pensions from Norton St. Philip church, paid by Henton Priory		5*s.*	0*d.*
from Tyntenhull, paid by Montacute Priory		13*s.*	4*d.*

Expenses.

Paid Thomas Cromwell his fee	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Repaid to the fabric chest, beyond 23*l.* already repaid, in part payment of 35*l.* 16*s.* 7½*d.* taken in 6 Henry VIII, for lands of Richard Bykenalre *alias* Jenkyns and John Pomysford, bought by canons then resident and applied to present commons .. .. leaving due, 11*l.* 6*s.* 7½*d.*	1*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
Repaid to the fabric chest, in part payment of 55*l.* taken for the manor of Alverton, and another 6*l.* in 1521	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Obit of William Childe and John Blakdon, from land in Alverton newly acquired by them		6*s.*	8*d.*
Chief rent to the lord of Cory for Alverton manor		1*s.*	8*d.*
Repaid to the fabric chest, in part payment of 13*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* taken for the controversy between the dean and chapter and Sir Andrew Lutterell, besides 1*l.* 1*s.* before paid	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Repaid to the church store, in part payment of 15*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* taken for scouring the ditches from Stath to Corylode in Estcory manor	1*l.*	4*s.*	2*d.*
The king's tenth, besides 30*l.* 7*s.* received according to rate from divers persons ..	39*l.*	5*s.*	10*d.*

BYDESHAM. Paid for small nails, thread, and needles for the sepulchre .. .. 8*d.*

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Mending vestments and other jewels in the treasury	2*l.*	5*s.*	5*d.*
To the poor at the obit of King Ini, the original founder of the church		13*s.*	4*d.*
Indenture between the dean and chapter and Thomas Horner, about Ratelyfmede ..		2*s.*	4*d.*
King's tenth	2*l.*	2*s.*	10*d.*

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1535, Dec. 14.—The order by the bishop, as commissory for the king, with reference to the 30 marks yearly paid by the direction of Bishop Joceline for the daily service of the Blessed Virgin at her altar in the cathedral by 13 vicars choral; and the sum of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* also paid yearly by his direction by the provost of the cathedral for a certain requiem mass, now commonly called "Martyns Masse," daily in the chapel of St. Martin near the font in the said cathedral, by 6 vicars-choral, for the souls of Bishop Savaric, his successors, and all benefactors of the church. Inasmuch as the duty of seeing that the statutes of these foundations are carried out lies with the bishop, but he is frequently compelled to be absent from Wells upon urgent business of the realm, and cannot attend to these things in person, as he ought and would wish, he, by and with the advice of the chapters of Bath and Wells, devolves this duty upon the dean and chapter of Wells; etc., etc. Given under the episcopal seal, in the palace at Wells.—*fo.* 30*d.*

Confirmed by the dean and chapter of Wells, and by William, prior of Bath, Jan. 2, 1535–6.

1535, Dec. 22.—Grant by the bishop of an annuity of 20*l.*, secured upon the manor of Pokilchurch, *dilecto nobis in Christo magnifico et precellenti viro Thome Cromewell, armigero, serenissimi et potentissimi principis Henrici octavi Anglie et Francie regis, domini Hibernie, ac ecclesie Anglicane in terra sub Christo supremi capitis, primario secretario, propter preclara illius in nos merita, et pro ejus bono et sano consilio et auxilio, tam nobis hactenus impensis, quam nobis et successoribus in posterum impendis; etc.*—*fo.* 9*d.*

1535–6, Jan. 31.—John Chambre, the treasurer, Walter Cretyng, archdeacon of Bath, Robert Bysse and John Gy, canons, appointed by the chapter to produce on their behalf before Thomas Crumwell, master of the rolls and for ecclesiastical affairs vicegerent of the king, *Librum ordinalis et statutorum ecclesie cathedralis Wellensis et verum ejusdem libri exemplar, omnes et singulas bullas seu scripta sive rescripta papistica in archivis nostris reperta, necnon plenum et fidele inventarium indentatum omnium et singulorum jocalium et*

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denariorum in thesaurio ejusdem ecclesie cathedralis Wellensis remanentium et existentium ; and to procure the return of the said book and one part of the inventory.—*fo.* 10*d.*

1535-6, March 2.—The tythe-corn, otherwise the tythe-sheyf, of the parsonage at Charde, Somerset, and the barn and garden let by William Rawlyns, provost of Wells and parson of Charde, to John Palle of Charde, for 41 years, at the yearly rent of 22*l.* ; the several rents being as follows : The tithe-corn or sheaf of Elderchard, 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* ; of Tatteworth, 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* ; of Southercharde, 3*l.* 10*s.* ; of Kermercharde, 4*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* ; of Forthington, 3*l.* 10*s.* ; of the demesne lands, 2*l.* ; of the town, 3*s.* 4*d.* ; the pasture of the parsonage garden, 6*s.* 8*d.* The " Chester corn " is reserved to the provost. The said J. Palle is also to find for the horses of the officers of the said provost good and sufficient hay, with plenty of litter, and 2 bushels of oats, for 1½*d.* a day and night, once or twice in the year for the space of 2 days each time ; and similarly for the provost's horses for one week every year, at the rate of 1½*d.* for every horse for each day and night.—*fo.* 12.

1536, April 22.—Mr. Richard Eryngton and Roger Edgeworth, S.T.P., canons residentiary of Wells, are appointed by the chapter to produce before Thomas Crumwell, etc., *Omnia et singula scripta, cartas sive monumenta originalia dicte ecclesie, donationes, appropriationes, portiones et pensiones, omnium et singularum ecclesiarum parochialium eidem ecclesie cathedrali approprietarum, fundationesque et ordinationes omnium cantariarum in eadem fundatarum, etiam omnes et singulas bullas seu rescripta papistica, etc., plenum insuper et fidele inventarium omnium jocalium et denariorum, etc.*—*fo.* 11*d.*

1536, June 1.—Polydore Vergil, archdeacon of Wells, John Chambre, the treasurer, Walter Cretyng, archdeacon of Bath, and John Nase, canon, appointed proctors in the convocation to be held in St. Paul's, London, on June 9.—*fo.* 12.

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1536, Dec. 9.—Grant by the bishop to Sir John FitzJames, chief justice of the King's Bench, of the next presentation to the prebend of Whitechurche.—*fo.* 16.

1537, June 4.—Lease, by the chapter, of Buckland Abbots parsonage with its appurtenances, to William Bonde of the same place, yeoman of the king's guard, for his life, at the yearly rent of 24*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*—*fo.* 18.

1537, July 31.—James Fitz James, S.T.P., the chancellor, William Bowreman, L.B., sub-dean, Robert Bisse, L.D., John Sowthwood, Dec.D., and John Dawes, L.B., officials of

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Taunton and Wells respectively, and John Smyth, clerk, appointed proctors for the chapter *coram rege*, upon his impending visitation.—*fo.* 20*d.*

1537, Sept. 23.—Petition from the chapter to the bishop for license to elect a dean in the place of Richard Woleman, deceased; and the bishop's answer, granting the license.—*fo.* 21*d.*

1527 [? 1537], Sept. 23.—Grant by the bishop to Thomas Wryotehesley, esq., and William Peter, D.L., of the next presentation to the prebend of Litton, when vacant. Dated at Banwell.—*fo.* 22.

1537, Sept. 24.—Collation by the sub-dean and chapter of John Pawle to one of Bishop Bubwyth's chantries, vacant by the death of Thomas Petwyn.

1537, Sept. 29.—Collation by the dean and chapter of John Herpole to Bishop Erghum's chantry at the altar of St. Osmund on the south side of the nave of the cathedral.—*fo.* 22*d.*

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[1537?] Oct. 1.—The king to our trustie and wellbelovyd, the president and chapitre of our cathedral churche of Wellys. —*fo.* 22*d.*

Trustie and welbelovyd, we grete you well. And for asmoche as upon significacion by our lettres made unto youe of our determynacion for the preferment of our right trustie and welbelovyd counsaillour, the lorde pryvye seale [Thomas Cromwell] to the rome of the deane in that our cathedrall churche of Wells, as we understonde with a right honest and a lovinge sorte ye have been contentyd therein to gratifie us; and soo have proceeded thereunto so farre as, with th' observacion of your laudable ceremonyes in that behalf accustomyed, ye have elected, chosen and enstalled our sayd counsaillour in the saide deanry. To th'yntent ye shulde knowe that we doo accept and take your proceeding in the same in most thankfull parte, we thought yt convenyent for us, not onely by these our lettres to yeve unto you therefore our expresse and condigne thankes, but also therwith to advertyse you that in all your reasonable pursutes we shall soo further declare our good favour and affection towards youe and every of youe, as ye shall have cause to thinke your confyrmyty therein well employed. Yeven under our sygnett, at Asher, the fyrste day of October.

1537, Oct. 5.—Grant by the bishop to the king, of the advowson of the archdeaconry of Wells, upon the next vacancy, *pro illa vice tantum.* Dated at Banwell.—*fo.* 23.

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Confirmed by Thomas, Lord Crumwell, the dean, and the chapter.

1537, Oct. 15.—Thomas, Lord Crumwell, dean, and the chapter, appoint Sir Walter Dennys, knt., John Fryse, gent., Thomas Swetman, rector of Syston, and Richard Wall, curate of Westerley in the diocese of Worcester, to be their proctors *coram rege*, upon his impending visitation, and for the questions raised about the impropriate church of Pokelchurch, and all other matters.—*fo.* 23.

1537, Oct. 24.—Lease by Peter Vannes to Robert Rokes, of Ashbury parsonage, co. Berks, for 51 years, at the yearly rent of 30*l.* Confirmed by the bishop, William, prior of Bath, and Thomas, Lord Crumwell, dean of Wells, and the chapter. *fo.* 25.

1537–8, Feb. 25.—Grant by the bishop to Thomas, Lord Crumwell of Wilmyngton, K.G. [not called dean], Thomas Writhesley, and William Popley, gentlemen, of the next presentation to the prebend of Dultingcote, when vacant. Dated at Chewe.—*fo.* 36*d.*

1538, May 13.—Collation by Thomas, Lord Crumwell, dean, and the chapter of Wells, of John Smith junior, vicar-choral, to the chantry in the chapel of All Saints in the churchyard called "le Palme Churche yard," with leave to be absent from nocturnal matins except on the chief feasts and greater doubles, as a reward for his diligence in instructing the choristers, and for his great pains in composing *nonnullos cantus ad divini cultus augmentationem.* He must provide himself with books *cantuum crisporum sive diversorum*, commonly called "square books and pricke songe books" for the choir, for the chapel of the Blessed Mary, and for the processions on the principal feasts, and shall leave them to his successors. The grant is for life, while he shall hold the office of a vicar-choral of the cathedral; but if the revenues of the said chantry, paid by the Hospital of St. Mark, near Bristol, shall fail, he shall receive no compensation from the chapter, *sed prout fortuna duxerit in ea parte eris omnino contentus.*—*fo.* 36*d.*

1538, May 15.—Indenture about Thorne St. Margaret's, confirmed by Thomas, Lord Crumwell, dean, and the chapter of Wells.—*fo.* 26.

1538, June 6.—A grant by the bishop to John Bailie, of land at Charde, for 50 years, rent 4*l.* 4*s.* Confirmed by William, prior of the cathedral church of Bath, May 28; and by Thomas, Lord Crumwell, dean, and the chapter of Wells, June 6.—*fo.* 26*d.*

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1538, June 14.—Collation of William Fenwyke, chaplain, to the chantry of Stephen Hull at the altar of St. Stephen in the cathedral of Wells, by Thomas, Lord Crumwell, dean, and the chapter.—*fo.* 27.

1538, Aug. 12.—Lease by Richard Rawson to Philip Cotyngton, of the prebend of Hengstridge, for 40 years, rent 16*l.* Confirmed by Thomas, Lord Crumwell, dean, and the chapter of Wells.

ACCOUNTS of JOHN GY, the COMMUNAR, from MICHAELMAS, 1537, to MICHAELMAS, 1538.

Receipts.

From a vacant chantry at the altar of St. Stephen		15*s.*	0*d.*
For induction of vicar of Combe St. Nicholas		6*s.*	8*d.*
Fees of the seal: For confirmation of charters by the dean and chapter	14*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

Paid for petty commons of the canons and bishop	136*l.*	4*s.*	10*d.*
for processions	5*l.*	13*s.*	0*d.*
Repair of vestments and other jewels in Bekyngton's treasury		5*s.*	5*d.*
in Gunthorpe's treasury		4*s.*	5*d.*
Fee to the noble man Thomas Crumwell ..	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Consumption of 23*lbs.* of wax		12*s.*	5½*d.*
Other expenses necessary and outside	10*l.*	18*s.*	7½*d.*
Repaid to the fabric chest, in part payment of 35*l.* 16*s.* 7½*d.* for lands of Bykenalre and Penyfford [*sic*] bought .. .. leaving still due 4*l.*		16*s.*	7½*d.*
in part payment of 13*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* taken for Luttrell suit .. .. leaving due 8*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
in part payment of 8*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.* taken from store for repairs of barns at Pucklechurch and Westurley .. .. leaving due 6*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Fourth perpetual tenth to king, besides 35*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.* paid for the 30th year of Henry VIII from the canons' cotidians, processions and masses, from fabric fund and Biddesham, from the choristers' house, and from the vicars-choral, from the vicars in the Lady Chapel and in St. Martin's Chapel, and from the annuellars celebrating for the souls of Byknell and others	38*l.*	3*s.*	11*d.*

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Bydesham. To the poor at the obit of King Ine		13*s.*	4*d.*
to the collector of king's tenth granted in his parliament	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Barlych. Received of the king for the dissolved priory of Barlych	23*l.*	16*s.*	8*d.*
Bruton. Of the abbat, formerly the prior, of Bruton and the convent there, yearly	4*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*

1538–1539.

1538, Oct. 10.—Confirmation by William, prior of Bath, and by Thomas Crumwell, dean, and the chapter of Wells, Oct. 20, of the bishop's grant to Nicholas FitzJames, of the wardenship of the park at Everereech.—*fo.* 29.

1538, Nov. 2.—Confirmation by William, prior of Bath, and Thomas, Lord Crumwell, dean, and the chapter of Wells, of a grant by the bishop to Christopher Prowse, of Cutcombe mill, for 60 years, rent 50*s.* 8*d.*—*fo.* 30.

1538, Nov. 20.—Grant by Thomas, Lord Crumwell, dean, to Thomas Parry, of a reversion.—*fo.* 29.

1538, Dec. 1.—Grant by the bishop to Thomas, Lord Crumwell [not called dean], of the next presentation to the office of provost of the cathedral, when vacant. Dated at Chewe.

Confirmed by William Holleway, prior, and the chapter of Bath, Dec. 3, and by the chapter of Wells, Dec. 7.*—*fo.* 32.

1538, Dec. 6.—The dean and chapter to the king.

Inasmuch as their statutes *jam nuper per statuta et leges regni vestri Anglie justissime abolita . . . et adnullata, &c., sunt, nulliusque momenti jam merito habita sunt,* they petition the king to ordain new statutes.—*fo.* 37*d.*

1538–9, Jan. 10.—Grant by the dean and chapter to William Peter, D.L., in return for many good offices, of an annuity of 40*s.* for life.—*fo.* 34.

1539, April 10.—Appointment by the chapter of Roger Edgeworth, S.T.P., Richard Eryngton, L.B., Richard Clerkson, M.A., and Thomas Jurye, M.A., canons of Wells, to be proctors in the convocation to be holden at St. Paul's, London, on May 2.—*fo.* 39.

1539, May 31.—Grant by the bishop to John Eastwike, esq., John Roke of London, gent., and Robert Bebe, king's serjeant,

* This is the last time that any confirmation by the chapter of Bath occurs.

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or any one of them, of the next presentation to the prebend of Tymberscombe.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Oct. 25.—*fo.* 42*d.*

1539, June 18.—Presentation by William Bowreman, subdean, and the chapter, *decano absente*, of Richard Adams, M.A., to Henry Husee's chantry at the altar of St. Calixtus.—*fo.* 39*d.*

1539, June 22.—Grant by the bishop to Edward [Seymour], earl of Hertford, of the next presentation to the canonry and prebend of Compton Bishop, when vacant. Dated at London.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Sept. 30.—*fo.* 42*d.*

1539, June 30.—Grant by the bishop to Thomas, Lord Crumwell, of the messuage, tenement and garden adjacent, etc., in the parish of St. Bartholomew the Less in London, now held by Patrick Prouse, merchant tailor, to hold to him in fee simple, with authority to his attorneys, Thomas Clarke, esq., and Ralph Hopton, gent., to enter and give possession.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, July 5.—*fo.* 42.

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1539, Nov. 10.—Grant by the bishop to his brother, Thomas Clerke, and his daughter Alice, of the reversion of a close in Wells, called the West Garden, with the adjacent garden place, and of lands in Westbury, Congresbury, Wellyngton and Wyke-by-Pockelchurch, for 80 years, at a rent of 6*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* Dated at Chewe.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Nov. 17.—*fo.* 43.

1539, Dec. 1.—Appointment by Thomas, Lord Crumwell, the dean, with the consent of the chapter, of William Butler to the offices of bailiff of Bempston Hundred, keeper of the park at Wedmore, and woodward of the Hundred, with wages of 20*s.*, 13*s.* 4*d.*, and 6*s.* 8*d.*

Confirmed by himself as dean and by the chapter in the chapter house, the same day.—*fo.* 44.

1539, Dec. 22.—Grant by James FitzJames, S.T.P., the chancellor, to his natural sister, Thomasine FitzJames, of the advowson of the vicarage of Kyngsbury, upon the next vacancy. Dated at Wells.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, May 4, 1540.—*fo.* 51.

1539, Dec. 30.—Lease by John Chambre, the treasurer, to Christopher Newton of Westminster, yeoman, of all the parsonage of Martock, with its appurtenances, for 50 years, rent 59*l.*

Confirmed by the bishop, Jan. 6, 1539–40, and by the dean and chapter, Jan. 12.—*fo.* 45*d.*

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1539–40, March 15.—Grant by the bishop to Sir Hugh Powlett, kinsman and heir of John Gyfford, lord of the manor of Henton, of the advowson of the church of Henton St. George, which had once belonged to the said manor, but had come into the hands of the bishops of Bath and Wells by lapse, and had been in their possession for a long time. Dated at the palace at Wells. [Marked *vacat.*]—*fo.* 48.

1540, June 9.—Lease from the bishop to Raufe Pylkyngton, citizen and haberdasher of London, for 40 years, rent 1*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*, of " all that his hall called the fryers' hall, with parlour, botry and iiij chambers called the fryers' chambers, and a garden therto and adjoyning, with th'appurtenances, sette, lyeng and beyng within the precincte of the late dissolved monastery of the Mynores, withoute Algate, London ; excepte and alwayes reserved unto the saide busshoppe, at suche tymes as the same busshoppe shall happen to resorte and abyde at the said late monastery duryng his lyfe naturall, too of the saide chambres and the saide garden, with free ingresse and egresse in, to and from the same, at all tymes during his saide abode there."

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, June 11.—*fo.* 51*d.*

1540, June 22.—Lease by the bishop to Alice widow of Thomas Lupsett, citizen and goldsmith of London, for 28 years, rent 10*s.*, of " all that his too lowe chambers and kechyn, with their appurtenances, sett and beyng neer the churche within the precincte of the said busshoppe's place without Algate in London late called the Mynores, whiche too chambers be nowe in the holdyng of the saide Alice."

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, June 25.—*fo.* 51*d.*

1540, Sept. 28.—Lease by Polidore Vergil, archdeacon of Wells, to Lawrence Rosse, of the parsonages of Huysh, Southbrent and Barowe, reserving the advowsons of the vicarages and some other rights, for 60 years from Lady Day, 1547, rents 28*l.*, 23*l.* and 23*l.* respectively.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Jan. 2, 1540–1.—*fo.* 54.

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1540, Nov. 2.—The petition of William Bowreman, LL.B., sub-dean, and the chapter, to the bishop, for license to elect a dean, *quia decanatus predictus ecclesie vestre cathedralis per attincturam et mortem Thome Crumwell, Comitis Essex, ultimi decani ejusdem, nuper vacavit et vacat in presenti, atque decani solatio destitutus est ;* etc.—*fo.* 53.

1540, Dec. 3.—The bishop grants the license, because *a regia majestate nobis concessum ac auctoritate parliamenti provisum ut nobis juxta constitutiones antiquas ejusdem ecclesie hujusmodi*

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licentiam concedendi imposterum remanet; etc. Dated *in hospicio nostro London' extra Algate.—fo.* 53.

1540–1, Jan. 26.—Presentation by the dean and chapter of John Southwood to the vicarage of St. Cuthbert's ; addressed to the primate, the see of Bath and Wells being vacant.—*fo.* 53*d.*

1540–1, Feb. 8.—Petition of Dean FitzWilliam and the chapter to the king, for license to elect a bishop.—*fo.* 55.

1540–1, March 5.—Grant by John FitzJames, prebendary of Whitchurch, to his brother Nicholas, of the next presentation to the church of Benagre, when vacant.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, April 1.—*fo.* 57.

1541, April 1.—Appointment by the treasurer of Robert Colway to the office of sacrist, for life.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, April 5.—*fo.* 57*d.*

1541, April 9.—The king's license for the election of a bishop. Dated at Greenwich.

1541, April 23.—The chapter to the king, apprising him that they have elected as bishop William Knight, late archdeacon of Richmond.—*fo.* 58.

1541, April 23.—Appointment by the chapter of Polidore Vergil, archdeacon of Wells, John Chambre, treasurer, and Peter Vannes, canons of Wells, as proctors to solicit the assent of the bishop elect, the king and the primate, to the election.—*fo.* 58*d.*

1541, June 30.—Collation by the dean and chapter of Robert Welshe to Bishop Erghum's chantry, vacant by the resignation of John Lerpole.—*fo.* 59.

1541, July 1.—Grant by the bishop to Thomas, Lord Audeley, chancellor of England, of the next presentation to the canonry and prebend of Whytechurche.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, April 14, 1545.—*fo.* 111*d.*

1541, July 2.—Grant by John Chamber, M.D., dean of the royal chapel of St. Stephen within the palace of Westminster, to the bishop, the sub-dean, John Dakyn, D.L., and Cuthbert Walker, layman, of the next presentation to the vicarage of Martock, when vacant.—*fo.* 59*d.*

Grant by the same to the same of the next presentation to the vicarage of Wyveliscombe.

Confirmed by the bishop and the dean and chapter, July 20. —*fo.* 60.

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1541, July 18.—Grant by the bishop to John Russell, K.G., Lord Russell, high admiral of England, Francis Bryan, knt., and Anthony Denny, esq., gentleman of the privy chamber, and John Chamber, dean of St. Stephen's Chapel, Westminster, of the next presentations to the office of treasurer and to the church of Martock.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, July 23.—*fo.* 59.

1541, Sept. 1.—Grant by the bishop to Walter Cretyng, LL.D., archdeacon of Bath, of a piece of ground *in pomerio palatii nostri Wellensis*, called "the Busshop's Chamerey," containing 200*ft.* in length from the wall of the said Walter's garden, and 54*ft.* in breadth from the wall of the pasture of the cathedral, called "the Church Chamerey," in the direction of St. Andrew's fountain and the stream flowing from it, the same to be annexed in perpetuity to the house Walter now occupies. Dated at Chewe Magna.—*fo.* 61*d.*

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1541, Nov. 23.—The lease of the Friars' Hall to R. Pilkington is extended to 89 years.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Dec. 1.—*fo.* 62*d.*

1541–2, Jan. 20.—Grant by the bishop to John Tregenwell, LL.D., of the next presentation to the prebend of Eston in Gordano.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter Feb. 16, 1543–4.—*fo.* 86*d.*

1541–2, Feb. 21.—Lease by the bishop to Raufe Pylkyngton, of other premises within the precinct of the late monastery of the Minores, for 50 years.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, March 29, 1542.—*fo.* 64.

1541–2, March 20.—Grant by the chapter to Walter Cretyng, archdeacon of Bath, of "the rome of too coples within the walls from the est end of the workehouse situate in the camery of the sowthe syde of the foresaide cathedral church, towards the west end of the same workhouse, containing by estimacion xvj foote of length, to make a stable, and all the whole lofte over all the saide workhouse, with a little orchard there lyeng, and the herbage of the said camery"; etc.; to hold for life, at the yearly rent of 6*s.* 8*d.*—*fo.* 4.

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1543, April 21.—Collation by the dean and chapter of John Dunster, S.T.B., to one of Bishop Bubwith's chantries.—*fo.* 70.

1543, April 24.—Grant by the dean and chapter to the king of the presentation to St. Cuthbert's, Wells, vacant by the death of John Southwood, LL.D.—*fo.* 70*d.*

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1543, May 20.—Lease by the bishop to John Moore of a parcel of ground lately called "the lawndrie," within the precinct of the late monastery now called the Minores, without Algate in London, "which late monastery now by the king's majestie's grant is gyven by way of exchaunge for to be the manour or logyng of the Busshop of Bath and Wells for the tyme being, for ever. And the saide grownde conteyneth in length fourtie foote betwext the way that leadeth towards the olde gate by the well on the west syde and the late church wall of the same eastwarde; and in breade xxxvj foote betwexte the way of the north syde of the saide late monastery and the buttrie of the same southwarde, wherin nowe standyth olde deformed and ruynouse buldyngs; which saide olde buldyngs the saide John Moore promiseth by theis presents to reedifie and repayre, and to make in the saide place an apte and convenient mansion house to dwell in, at his owne costs and charges. And also the saide busshop, for himself and his successors, by the consent of the dean and chapter aforesaide, doth demise . . . to the saide John Moore one garden place within the precincte aforesaide, lyeng in length by the sowthe wall of the saide late monastery, and extendyng estward towards the common draught-house and westward to the corner of the bryke house parcell of the said maner place or lodgyng aforesaide." The lease is for 60 years, rent 5*s*.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, July 27.—*fo.* 77.

1543, June 13.—Grant by the bishop to Sir Hugh Poulett, his heirs and assigns, of the advowson of the church of Henton St. George.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, June 14.—*fo.* 71*d*.

1543, June 26.—Grant by the bishop to John, Lord Russell, and Francis Bryan, of the next presentation to the archdeaconry of Bath, or the prebend of Compton Dundon, or the prebend of Whitelackyngton, which ever of them shall first fall vacant.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter.—*fo.* 74*d*.

1543, June 28.—Grant by the bishop to Robert Palmer, LL.B., John Marshall, Cuthbert Walker and William Strayker, of the next presentation to the prebend of St. Decuman's.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, July 9.—*fo.* 76.

1543, June 30.—Collation by the dean and chapter of Nicholas Dakyn to Bishop Erghum's chantry.—*fo.* 75.

1543, July 8.—Grant by the bishop to Thomas, duke of Norfolk, of the next presentation to the prebend of Yatton.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, July 9.—*fo.* 75*d*.

1543, Aug. 1.—Deed of the bishop, reciting a grant, dated Sept 20, 1539, by the king to John Aylworth the younger

of Wells and London, of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, lately dissolved, with the houses and lands belonging to it in Wells, for 21 years, at a rent of 6*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.*, and confirming the same *quantum in nobis est*, with the consent of the dean and chapter, for another 60 years, that is, from the 1st of the present month of August for the term of 77 years. Upon the expiration of the crown lease, the lessee is to hold of the bishop upon the same terms as he held of the crown.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Aug. 4.—*fo.* 78.

1543–1544.

1543, Oct.—Collation by the dean and chapter, *auctoritate fulciti . . . illustrissimi principis . . . Henrici*, &c., of William Burges to one of the four chantries founded on behalf of Bishop Bubwith.—*fo.* 80.

1543, Dec. 18.—Grant by the bishop to Cuthbert Walker, Robert Palmer and William Straker, of the next presentation to the office of treasurer, together with the church of Martock. —*fo.* 85.

Grant to Cuthbert Walker, Geoffrey Upton and John Galoway, of the next presentation to the office of chancellor. Dated at Wyveliscombe.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Dec. 19.

1543–4, Jan. 12.—Grant by the bishop to John Pascal of Great Badowe, Essex, of the next presentation to the prebend of Compton Bishop. Dated at Wyveliscombe.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Jan. 22.—*fo.* 86.

1543–4, Jan. 29.—Grant by the bishop to Walter Cretyng, LL.D., Richard Daye, gent., and William Porter, yeoman, of the next presentation to the prebend of Combe III. Dated at Wyveliscombe.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Feb. 4.

1543–4, March 10.—Grant by the bishop to John and Elizabeth Moore, of the wardenship of his house called Le Mynoresse without Algate, London, for their joint lives and the life of the survivor, with a yearly fee of 40*s.* Dated at Wyveliscombe.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, July 26.—*fo.* 98*d.*

1543–4, March 16.—Lease by Thomas Leight, gent., of the Middle Temple, to George Parsons, yeoman, servant to Sir Thomas Awdeley, knt., Lord Awdeley of Walden and Lord Chancellor of England, of the parsonage of Bokeland Denham, the glebe-lands, tithes, etc., saving only the advowson of the vicarage, for 60 years, rent 8*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Confirmed by the bishop, April 12, and by the dean and chapter, April 17.—*fo.* 88.

1543–1544.

1543–4, March 19.—Grant by the bishop to Queen Katherine and William, Earl of Essex, of the next presentation to the prebend of Yatton. Dated at Wyveliscombe.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter.—*fo.* 86*d.*

1544, April 15.—Grant by the bishop to John Hyllacre, gent., of the next presentation to the prebend of Aishull.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, May 14.—*fo.* 91*d.*

1544, May 13.—Presentation by the sub-dean and chapter, *decano in remotis agente*, of John Eryngton, to the chantry of Henry Husee.

1544, May 25.—To our trustie and welbelovyd, the dean and chapter of our cathedral church of Wells, and in th'absence of the dean, to the chapitour there. Somersedshire.

By the kyng.

Trusty and welbelovid, we greate you well. And wher as betwene us and th'emperour, upon provocation of manifold injuries committed by the Frenche kyng unto us both perticularly and for his confederation with the Turke agaynste tholl commen wealth of Christendom, it ys agreed that eche of us a parte in personne with his puissaunt armey, in severall parties this somer shall invade the realme of Fraunce; we late you wite that having not yet appoynted so greate a nomber for that purpose as ys necessary, upon the good opinion we have of you, with ernest good wyll to see us furnished as to our honour apperteigneth, we have appoynted you to send the nomber of forty hable footemen; whereof viij to be archers, every one furnished with a good bow in a cace, and xxiiij good arrowes in a cace, a good sword and a dagger; and the rest to be byll men, having besides there bylles every of them a good sword and a dagger; to be levied of your owne servaunts, tenaunts, and others; forseing that if any other man having tenaunts within any your manours or lordshipps be by our lettres appoynted to make us any men, he shall have the preferment of the makyng of the same his tenaunts to serve us in this jorney; not faylyng to have your said men in suche aredines, furnished with cotes and hose of suche colors as ys appoynted for our reregard, as they fayle not to be at our towne of Dover the xij day of June, when order his taken for theire transportacion accordingly.

Geven under our signet at our palaice of Westminster, the xxv day of May, the xxxvj yere of our reigne. And our further [will] is that in any wyse you send us the saide nomber, being all pyked and hable men, as ye tender th'advauncement of our affaires, and for the contrary therof wylbe put to the losse of theire cotes, conducte and harneys.—*fo.* 92*d.*

1544, July 16.—Grant by the bishop to John Dakyn, LL.D., Richard Walker, chaplain, and Cuthbert Walker, and any one

of them, of the next presentation to the prebend of Combe II. Dated at Chew.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Dec. 11.—*fo.* 100*d.*

1544, Aug. 10.—Grant by the bishop to Walter Cretyng, LL.D., Cuthbert Walker and John Hillacre, and any one of them, of the next presentation to the perpetual vicarage of Chard. Dated at Banwell.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Dec. 11.—*fo.* 100.

1544, Aug. 12.—Grant by the bishop to Richard Morysin, John Danking, LL.D., and Cuthbert Walker, and any one of them, of the next presentation to the archdeaconry of Taunton. Dated at Banwell.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter.—*fo.* 104*d.*

1544, Aug. 15.—Grant by the bishop to John Ailmer, S.T.P., John Dakyn, LL.D., Cuthbert Walker, gent., and any one of them, of the next presentation to the prebend of Combe V. Dated at Banwell.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Dec. 11.—*fo.* 101.

1544, Sept. 14.—Grant by the bishop to Robert [King], bishop of Oxford, William Porteman, serjeant-at-law, Thomas Clerk and John Sydenham, and any one of them, of the next presentation to the prebend of Combe VII. Dated at Wyvelscombe.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Oct. 1.—*fo.* 102.

1544, Sept. 14.—Grant by the bishop to John Dakyn, LL.D., Cuthbert Walker and John Marten, and any one of them, of the next presentation to the church of Cristen Malverne, in the diocese of Salisbury. Dated at Wyvelscombe.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Oct. 20.—*fo.* 103*d.*

Accounts of John Lambert, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1543, to Michaelmas, 1544.

Receipts.

At the burial of William Bugleigh		2*d.*
At the anniversary of Mr. Fitzjames		1*d.*
At the trental of John Milward		3*d.*
Increase of rent: for the house opposite the High Cross, called The Celler	6*s.*	8*d.*

Expenses.

Defaults of rent: of one tenement in High Street opposite the High Cross, called the Celler, let to William Pynner	6*s.*	8*d.*

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Distributed for vacant prebends, legacies or mortuaries		*nil.*	
Paid tenth to king and subsidy to the vicar of the prebend of Combe II, vacant 2 terms		2*s.*	8*d.*
Wedmore IV, vacant 3 terms		4*s.*	0*d.*
Combe XII, vacant 1 term		1*s.*	4*d.*
Harptre, vacant 2 terms		2*s.*	8*d.*
Combe XV, vacant ½ term			8*d.*
Received for the obit of John Beckham, canon	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

1544–1545.

1544, Oct. 4.—Grant by Polidore Vergil, archdeacon of Wells, to John Gye, of the office of registrar and scribe of the acts of the court of the archdeaconry.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, April 1, 1545.—*fo.* 110*d.*

1544, Dec. 10.—Collation by the dean and chapter of John Lambert, vicar-choral, to the chantry of Richard Bampfelde. —*fo.* 104.

1544, Dec. 13.—Appointment by John Chambre, the treasurer, of John Bale to the office of sacrist.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Jan. 4, 1544–5.—*fo.* 106.

1544–5, Jan. 16.—Collation by the dean and chapter of Thomas More, vicar-choral, to the chantry of John Herford.— *fo.* 105*d.*

1544–5, Feb. 10.—Manumission by the bishop of Thomas Borde and his sons, Thomas and Richard, natives belonging to the manor of Blakforde, Somerset, and all their progeny.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, same day.—*fo.* 107.

1545, April 2.—Grant by the bishop to John Hillacre, Andrew Thomas and John Robert, or any one of them, of the next presentation to the prebend of Combe XIV.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, April 8.—*fo.* 111.

1545, April 9.—Grant by the bishop to John Tregonwell, LL.D., of the next presentation to the canonry and prebend of Eston in Gordano.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, April 13.—*fo.* 112.

1545, April 28.—Manumission by the dean of John and William Hobbes, and Richard Trubbe and his son John, natives belonging to the manor of Marke, their sons and daughters, and all their progeny.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, May 16.—*fos.* 112, 113.

1544–1545.

1545, May 10.—From th'erle of Hertforde, concernyng the garden, stables and priest's chamber in La Mountroy belongyng of olde to the prebende of Ilmister.

After my hartie commendacions. Wheras I am enformed by this berar, whom heretofore I preferred unto the prebend of my donation there, that ye witholde from hym the canonicall house incident to the same, by colour of a lease thereof heretofore to you made by th'abbot and covent of the late monasterye of Mochilney, whiche I suppose ye wolde be lothe to stande to yf ye well considered the lawe in that case before this established, th'endempnitie wherof for the good wille I bere you I wolde be lothe ye shulde incurre. [I] have therfore thoughte good to will and require you at the contemplacion herof to permitte and suffre him to entree therunto and to enjoy the same, as of righte he ought to doo, rather than otherwise to move any matier that might turne you to displeasure, not doubtyng that ye woll consider my good wyll therin, and thanckfullye followe myne advice and request, so that ye shall have no just occasion of further pursute in that behalfe. Thus hartelly fare you well. At the court.—*fo.* 115.

1545, June 1.—Warrant by the dean, William FitzWilliam, for Thomas Clerke, esq., to have every year a buck in summer and a doe in winter from the park at Wedmore.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter.—*fo.* 121*d.*

1545, June 20.—Grant by the bishop to the king of the manor of Wyke in Gloucestershire, *certis de causis et consideracionibus me ad presens specialiter moventibus.* Dated at Wyveliscombe.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, June 23.—*fo.* 116*d.*

1545, Aug. 31.—Inspeximus and confirmation by the dean and chapter of a grant, dated Oct. 27, 35 Henry VIII [1543], by the dean to James Dyer of the office of steward of Bemstone hundred for life, with a yearly fee of 40*s.*—*fo.* 117.

1545, Sept. 18.—Grant by the bishop to Thomas Wriothesley, lord chancellor of England, of an annuity of 20*l.* for life.—*fo.* 117*d.*

COMMUNAR'S EXPENSES at the AUDIT, 1545.

In primis to Alec Dean, for di. dosyn of ale	1*s.*	2*d.*
Item in puddings, to Alec Kyngsley		4*d.*
Item on Thursdaye, in bredd		1*d.*
Item on Fridaye, for di. C of oysters ..		4*d.*
Item bredd and butter		2*d.*
Item a quarte of muscadell		4*d.*

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Item 2 pounds of candles	2½*d.*
Item a quere of paper	3*d.*
Item in ynke and pydroste	1*d.*
Item on Saturday, in bredd	1*d.*
Item butter and eggs	2*d.*
Item a quarte of muscadell	4*d.*
Monday, in bredde and podyngs	3*d.*
Tuysday, in bredde and poddyngs	3*d.*
Frydaye, in bredde, butter and wye	6*d.*

1545–1546.

1545, Oct. 1.—Collation by the dean and chapter of John Clyf to the chantry of Bishop Erghum at St. Edmund's altar.—*fo.* 118.

1545, Oct. 3.—Grant by the bishop to Thomas Wryothesley, lord chancellor, of the next presentation to the office of precentor. Dated at Wyveliscombe.
Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Oct. 5.—*fo.* 118.

1545, Oct. 15.—Collation by the dean and chapter of Peter Jackett to the chantry of Bishop Erghum.—*fo.* 119*d.*

1545, Nov. 4.—Appointment of Polidore Vergil, archdeacon of Wells, Walter Cretyng. LL.D., archdeacon of Bath, Roger Edgeworth, S.T.P., and Heliseus Bodley, to be proctors for the dean and chapter at the next convocation.—*fo.* 121*d.*

1545, Nov. 4.—Collation by the dean and chapter of John Shepparde to one of the chantries of Bishop Bubwith.—*fo.* 122*d.*

1545, Nov. 25.—Collation by the dean and chapter of John Newys to one of the said chantries.—*fo.* 123.

1545, Nov. 26.—Grant by William Rawlyns, the provost, to Humphrey Browne, knt., and William Pawlett of Gothurst, of the next presentation to the vicarages of Combe St. Nicholas and Wynesham.
Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Dec. 29.*—*fo.* 126.

1545–6, Feb. 16.—Manumission by the bishop of John Butler, a native belonging to the manor of Kingsbury, and all his progeny. Dated at Wyveliscombe.
Confirmed by the dean and chapter, April 1, 1546.†—*fo.* 3.

1546, April 6.—Grant by William Rawlyns, the provost, to his kinsman, George Paulett, gent., for life, of the office

* This is the last extract from volume D.
† The first extract from volume E, another ledger, or register; the various items are here re-arranged in chronological order.

of surveyor and receiver of moneys of all the manors within his jurisdiction, with a salary of 4*l.* a year.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, April 26.—*fo.* 4*d.*

1546, April 23.—Grant by the dean and chapter to John Russell, knt., lord Privy Seal, for life, of the office of chief steward of all their tenements, *in guerris sive aliis negotiis domini nostri regis*, with a salary of 4*l.* a year, saving to William Portman, serjeant-at-law, and Henry Portman, his son, all the rights they now possess as stewards, *quoad curias nostras tenendas et alia agenda que ad officium seneschalli capitalis maneriorum, etc., spectant.*—*fo.* 3*d.*

1546, April 23.—Grant to the said William and Henry Portman of the said stewardship, for their joint lives and the life of the survivor, with a yearly salary of 2*l.*—*fo.* 4.

1546, April 28.—Grant by the dean to Sir Anthony Browne, K.G., of the office of chief steward of all his tenements, *in guerris*, etc.. for life, with a yearly salary of 5*l.*, saving the rights of James Dyer as chief steward *quoad curias*, etc.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, April 29.—*fo.* 5.

1546, June 1.—Grant by the dean and chapter to Edward [Seymour], earl of Hertford, &c., of the next presentation to the vicarage of Buckland Abbots, vacant by the death of John Stronge, M.A.—*fo.* 6.

1546, July 14.—Grant by the bishop to John, lord Russell, John Tregonwell LL.D., and Anthony Belassis, LL.D., of the next presentation to the parish church of Ayshbury. Dated at Wyveliscombe.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Aug. 16.—*fo.* 8*d.*

1546, Sept. 6.—Grant by the bishop to Thomas, Lord Wriothesley, lord chancellor, of the next presentation to the vicarage of Whitchurch. Dated at Wyveliscombe.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Sept. 13.—*fo.* 8*d.*

1546, Sept. 6.—Grant by the bishop to John Dakyn, chancellor, William Bowreman, sub-dean, and John Kydd, notary, of the next presentation to the prebend of Combe XIII. Dated at Wyveliscombe.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Oct. 1.—*fo.* 11.

1546, Sept. 16.—Grant by the bishop to Geoffrey Upton, for life, of the office of keeper of the palace at Wells, and also of the prison within the palace, commonly called The Cowe-house. He is to have charge not only of the present prisoners, but also of those who shall hereafter be convicted according to law or attainted by the king's justices. The bishop is not

to be charged with any expenses beyond those of ordinary years [*communibus annis*] hitherto ; and he is to be indemnified by Upton against the king in case any prisoners escape, Upton finding sureties in 300*l.* that he will hold the bishop harmless before the king for any default. Upton is to have the two chambers above the prison, and another chamber in the New Work whose door is nearest the prison, with a small stable adjacent ; also 4 loads of firewood from the park and 2 loads of hay, and for salary 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and 3 yards of best cloth of the bishop's livery, yearly. Dated at Wyveliscombe.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Sept. 23.—*fo.* 9.

[In the year 1545 on the feast of St. Jerome (Sept. 30) the following collations were made in Wells Cathedral, in some respects differing from those scheduled in Reynolds' *Wells Cathedral*. A paper book.]

4 Priors in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary, collated by the dean and chapter.

2 Priors in St. Martin's chapel, collated by the same.

4 Chantries at the altar of St. Nicholas, J. Button.

1 Chantry at the same altar, collated by the archdeacon of Wells.

1 Chantry at the same altar, collated by *dignior persona*.

7th Chantry at the same altar, collated by the dean.

Chantry at the altar of Holy Cross near the Chapter House, collated by the sub-dean.

Chantry at the altar of St. Mary Magdalen (Stavordale), collated by the same.

Chantry at the same altar (Bristol), collated by the same.

2 Chantries at the same altar (Wethampstead and Alex. Bamfeld), collated by the same.

Chantry of St. Calixtus (Peter of Chichester), collated by the archdeacon of Wells.

At morrow mass, collated by the succentor.

Chantry of St. Edmund (R. Bampfeld), collated by the dean and chapter.

Chantry of St. Stephen (W. Compton), collated by the dean.

Chantry in the chapel of All Souls (Gaunt's), collated by the dean and chapter.

Chantry in the Lady Chapel behind the high altar (W. Button), collated by the bishop.

To the offices of clerk of the fabric, communar, sub-treasurer, escheator, tabellar, steward, baron, auditors, surveyors of jewels, surveyors of tenements, and cursor.

The following are the procession days in 1545, arranged in the several quarters :—

First quarter.—Dedication of church, St. Luke, All Saints, St. Andrew, Conception of B.V.M., Christmas, St. John Evangelist.

Second quarter.—Circumcision, Epiphany, Purification of B.V.M., Annunciation, Easter, Octave of Easter, Translation of St. Andrew, St. George.

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Third quarter.—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Rogation Week, Ascension Day, Trinity, Corpus Christi, St. John Baptist, St. Peter and St. Paul.

Fourth quarter.—Visitation, Feast of Relics, St. James, Name of Jesus, Assumption, Nativity of B.V.M.

1546–1547.

1546, Oct. 8.—Lease by the dean and chapter to Richard Evans of Wells of a tenement in the New Work.—*fo.* 1.

1546.—Grant by George Dogyon, precentor and prebendary of Holcombe, to George Carew, archdeacon of Totton, and two others, of the next presentation to that vicarage [? Holcombe].

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Dec. 4.—*fo.* 12*d.*

1547, March 27.—License by King Edward VI, with the consent of the Duke of Somerset and the council, to George Carew, royal chaplain, archdeacon of Totton, prebendary and residentiary in Exeter Cathedral, and prebendary of Barton in Wells Cathedral, of non-residence for 5 years, with leave to reside in foreign parts to study the languages, manners, men and good literature [*bonarum litterarum*].—*fo.* 16*d.*

1547–1548.

1547, Oct. 29.—Appointment by the president and chapter of Polydore Vergil, archdeacon of Wells, John Dakyn, LL.D., and Walter Cretyng, LL.D., archdeacon of Bath, as their proctors at the convocation to be held at St. Paul's on Nov. 5.—*fo.* 16*d.*

1547, Oct. 29.—Petition of the dean and chapter to the king for license to elect a bishop.*—*fo.* 17.

[1547,] Nov. 1. Lettre from the king's majestie's commissioners.—*fo.* 17*d.*

To the right worshipfull and our veary loving friendes, the president, dignities, archdeacons and the chapitour of Wells.

After our hartie comendacions. Where as at the suite and ernest request of the ministers of the churche of Excester wee have put downe the wearing of black coopes and scapulars and amyases of clothe, because it ys thought to be a kynde of monkerye ; and now, entending to sett an uniforme ordere through out all our progresse, wee requyre you and thereat, neverthelesse by the king's majestie's awthoritie unto us comytted, straitely charge you, that ymediately uppon recept herof, all dignities, prebendaries and other ministers of that churche, do surcease from using or wearing any black coope

* Bishop William Knight died Sept. 29, 1547.—Le Neve.

of cloth or scapuler of cloth above their surplesses. And that as well you, within all churches of your peculier jurisdiction, as also all archdeacons and others having ecclesiastical jurisdiction within the diocese of Wells, shall in their severall territories give commaundment unto the churche wardeans and other the parishioners, from henceforth to surcease from kepinge any churche ales, because it hath byn declared unto us that many inconveniencies hath come by them. Nevertheless requiring the said churche wardeans to make yerely collection for reparacion of their churchies, and for sustentacion of other commune charges of the parish accordinglie; and that they likewise do abstein from such unmeasurable ringing for ded persones at their burialls, and at the feast of All Sowles; and that from hencefurthe they use to ringe oon bell at soch tyme as sicke persones lyeth in extreme daunger of death, that they which be haile may be put in remembraunce of their owne mortalitie, and also excited to praie unto God for soche their sicke neighbours, that they may pacientlie suffre death, if God send it, and the hard panges therof, for Christe's love, who suffred much more for them, and that they may so departe out of this lief in true faithe, hope and charitie, as their sowles may be afterward receaved unto eternall felicitie, to raigne with Christ everlastinglie in the kingedome of heaven. And when the corps of any suche dead persons shalbe brought to the churche to be buried, then to ring also moderatlie in the time of the obsequies therof, and no longer. And fardre wee desire you, Mr. Dr. Creting, and Mr. Smyth, to take ordre for the redresse of the comparts that were delyvered unto Mr. Heth, and then to certifie us what you shall doe in the same. And so we bidde you hartilie farewell.

From Sarisbury, the first of Novembre.

Also that the ministers of your churche and other persons resorting thither may upon holy daies have some holsome doctrine for their instruction declared unto theym, wee charge and in the king's majestie's name commaunde you to see that oon of the vicars priests of that churche, whome you shall thincke mooste fytte for that purpose, doe reade every holie daie, openlie, plainlie and distinctely, in the quier ymediatlie after the offertory of the high masse, oon of the homelies, in ordre as they stande in the booke which his highness hath sett furth for th'instruction of his people. And that you do punysh soche as shall other negligentlie reade theym or that shall refuse to do their duetie herin, by reteigning of their wages and stipend untill such tyme as they have doen their duetie in that behalf.

Your loveing frends,

William Mey,
Symon Heynes,
Walter Buclour,
Thomas Cottsford.

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1547, Dec. 9.—To the right worshipfull the president and the chapitre of Wells.—*fo.* 17*d.*

After our right hartie commendacions. Where as it hath byn credibly declared unto us that for dyverse good and honest respects it shuld be more commodious, both for the reader of the divinitie lecture there and also for his auditours, that the tyme of the reading thereof shuld be altered, and chaunged from th'afternoone unto the morning. Wherefore by the vertue of our commission wee take this ordre that from hencefurthe the same lecture shalbe had in the quyer or Our Ladye Chapell immediatlie before high masse. And that it may be the more conv enientlie so done, ye shall upon the reading daies omitte and leave out the pryme and the houres, any other formour injunction or commaundment to the contrarie gyven notwithstanding. And thus we moost hartelie bydde you farewell. From London, the 9 daie of December.

Your loving frends,

William Mey.

Simon Heynes.

1547–8, Jan. 7.—Mandate of King Edward VI for the installation of the dean. The late dean, [William] FitzWilliam, having made a complete surrender of the deanery and deeanal dignity into his hands, the king now, by virtue of an act of the present parliament, reconstitutes the latter, and in exercise of his rights as patron confers it upon John Goodman, assigns to him the canonical house lately occupied by John Dakyn, and orders the chapter to install him. Dated at Lyes.—*fo.* 18.

1547–8, Feb. 3.—Letters patent for the translation of the Bishop of St. David's to Wells. Inasmuch as by an act of the parliament begun Nov. 4, 1 Edw. VI, it was ordered that no *conge deslyer* be henceforth issued, nor election of archbishop or bishop made by any dean and chapter, but that the king should appoint by letters patent, etc. ;—the king now translates William [Barlow], bishop of St. David's, to Wells, having chosen him not only for his singular learning, but also upon the principle that he who has been faithful in a little should be promoted to greater things. The said William is to hold the bishopric for his natural life, with all its spiritualities and temporalities.

1548, June 1.—Lease by the bishop to Sir Nicholas Poyntz of the manor and hundred of Pucklechurch, for 42 years, rent 80*l.* 3*s.* $3\frac{3}{4}d.$

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, June 16.—*fo.* 19*d.*

1548, July 12.—Indenture between the bishop and "the high and mighty prince, Edward. Duke of Somerset," etc.

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The bishop, "as well for great somes of money to him beforehand paid by the said duke, as for diverse other great consideracions him moving, and by the licence of our soveraigne lord the king under his great seale of England," hath sold unto the said duke, in fee, his manors of Banwell, Wells, Chew, Blakford, Wellyngton, Cranemere and Evercreche, his burgh of Wellyngton, his hundreds of Wells, Wells Forum, Wynterstoke and Chew, and his parks of Wells, Banwell and Evercreech; also all his rights and jurisdictions, etc., in all those his manors in Somerset, etc.

Confirmed by the chapter, Jan. 10, 1548–9.—*fo.* 21*d.*

ACCOUNTS of ANDREW THORNE, the COMMUNAR, from MICHAELMAS, 1547, to MICHAELMAS, 1548.

Receipts.

Received from Ergham's chantry, vacant half this year	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Fees of the seal: Induction of William Sheparde to Ergham's chantry.. ..		6*s.*	8*d.*
presentation to Pucklechurch vicarage .		6*s.*	8*d.*
decree of annual pension to the vicar of Lydeard Bishop's		6*s.*	8*d.*
from Dean Goodman, for letters patent to Thomas Fulwell	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
farm of the archdeaconry of Bath to Mr. Walter Cretynge	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
lands in Barowe to Laurence Rosse ..	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Pension of Norton Philip church, from the king's receiver, Henton priory being dissolved		5*s.*	0*d.*
Pension of Tyntynhulle church, from the same, Montacute priory being dissolved..		13*s.*	4*d.*

Expenses.

Paid Mr. Alexander Barkeley, Dr., schoolmaster, besides 26*s.* 8*d.* from Biddesham..	12*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Paid Rowland Mynever, *hypodidascalus* ..	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Commons of 3 keepers of the Lady Chapel, being bissextile year	2*l.*	5*s.*	9*d.*
Wine for celebrating rites of communion throughout the year	3*l.*	6*s.*	4½*d.*
Chantry priests, except Button's and Compton's, paid for one half-year	27*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
To the king's collector, for tenth of Ergham's chantry		10*s.*	0*d.*
To the king's receiver, pension of Wynstoke [*i.e.* Winscombe] church, the monastery of Glaston being dissolved..		13*s.*	4*d.*

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To John Russell, lord privy seal, his fee for this year	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Fee to William Peter, knt.	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Fee to Ann Penyfon, late wife of Edmund Mylle	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
About 15*l.* to lawyers			
Divers expenses necessary and outside ..	12*l.*	16*s.*	11*d.*
To the escheator, for obits in the 1st and 2nd quarters..	11*l.*	4*s.*	8*d.*
To the king's receiver, for obits in the other half-year	24*l.*	0*s.*	8*d.*
To him for 9 chantries	34*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
To him for bread, wine and wax for the half-year		17*s.*	8*d.*
To him for the college in Mountroy for the half-year	2*l.*	4*s.*	8*d.*
To the king for Pucklechurch Church, Glaston being dissolved	2*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
In full payment to the church store of 13*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* taken for Lutterell suit		10*s.*	4*d.*
In part payment of 15*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* for scouring the banks from Stathe to Corylode		14*s.*	4*d.*
The king's tenth, besides 42*l.* 4*s.* 5½*d.* and ½ farthing from canons' quotidians, &c...	30*l.*	13*s.*	10*d.* and ½ farthing
To each of 11 canons residing and double portion to the dean	25*l.*	15*s.*	7¼*d.*
Bydisham. Wages of Alexander Barkley, Dr., master of the schools, besides 12*l.* stipend	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
The king's tenth	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Wurspring. Received of the king's collector, because of the dissolution	10*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Barlych. From the king, Barlych monastery being dissolved	23*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Chaplain's wages	8*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Various obits	23*l.*	4*s.*	0*d.*

This roll showed to Nicholas Dowthwaite, gent., Jan. 24, 1667.

1548–1549.

1548–9, Feb. 4.—Indenture by which the bishop sells his manor of Wokey to the Duke of Somerset.

Confirmed by the chapter, May 17.—*fo.* 25.

1548–9, March 1.—Confirmation by the dean and chapter of the grant by the bishop to King Edward VI of the manors of Congresbury and Yatton.—*fo.* 34*d.*

1548–1549.

Accounts of Andrew Thorne, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1548, to Michaelmas, 1549.

Receipts.

For obits	97*l.*	18*s.*	9½*d.*

Expenses.

Paid to the vicars choral	65*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
Divers sums paid by the governor of the Lady Chapel..	1*l.*	2*s.*	3*d.*
The king's tenth	7*l.*	15*s.*	10½*d.*
The king's receiver for bringing pensions ..		13*s.*	4*d.*
To the communar for his account		13*s.*	4*d.*
Loss of rent of vacant cottage in Begger St.		1*s.*	8*d.*
The bailiffs for collecting the rents of the Lady Chapel and of Richard Bamfilde, half a year		1*s.*	4*d.*
The bishop's bailiff for rents belonging to the Lady Chapel, the whole year			6*d.*

1549–1550.

1549, Nov. 20.—Letters patent of the president and chapter. Inasmuch as by an Act of Parliament of 1 Edw. VI a new deanery was established at Wells; and whereas the deans of earlier date enjoyed only the quotidians of one canon resident, and that only during the dean's eight months of residence, and also the quotidians of the dean only, viz. 16*d.* a day, but the said act allots to the dean the quotidians of the dean, of the archdeacon of Wells, and of the prebendary of Curry, which quotidians are 3*s.* 4*d.* a day, viz. 1*s.* 4*d.* for the dean, 1*s.* 4*d.* for the archdeacon, and 8*d.* for the prebendary, to be enjoyed as well when absent as when resident; which act was passed without the knowledge of the chapter, and to their great detriment. Therefore the president and chapter now appoint three of the canons residentiary, George Carew, George Dogeon and Walter Cretyng, to petition the king, council, lords and commons at this time in Parliament assembled, for the redress of the said grant of three quotidians to the dean.—*fo.* 32*d.*

The petition of the chapter.

In it they complain that the act of 1 Edw. VI was procured by the dean, John Goodman, and his friends, without the knowledge of the chapter; that over and above the aforesaid quotidians the deanery is endowed with the archdeaconry, the sub-chantership, the prebend of Curry and the provostship; that the quotidians come out of the canons' portions, so that they can no longer "keep such hospitality to the reliefe of the poore as in time past hath always been used."—*fo.* 33*d.*

1549–1550.

Accounts of Andrew Thorne, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1549, to Michaelmas, 1550.

Paid 15 vicars, each	3*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
11 vicars, each	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

Accounts of Richard Brampton, Keeper of the Fabric, from Michaelmas, 1549, to Michaelmas, 1550.

Receipts.

Arrears of divers persons in the last account	60*l.*	16*s.*	2½*d.*
Balance from last year	13*l.*	3*s.*	3¼*d.*
Rents of Assize: From the communar for Gaunt's, Bristol, now paid by the Mayor and Corporation of Bristol at Easter and Michaelmas	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
from the same for the abbey of Bruton, now paid by the king's receiver at Michaelmas	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
from houses once Thomas Lychfyld's, lately inhabited by James Fitzjames, chancellor of the cathedral, John Southwode, canon, and John Dawkyns, chancellor, and now by Dean John Goodman		6*s.*	8*d.*
from houses lately W. Burne's, from the escheator		4*s.*	0*d.*
from the vicar of Stoke sub Hamdon, for Easter		13*s.*	4*d.*
from the church of Littleton, lately paid by Kaynsham Abbey, now by the receiver-general		5*s.*	0*d.*
from the vicar of Twyverton, for St. John the Baptist's term		10*s.*	0*d.*
for 2 closes called Gildenhurst, now in one, in the east field of Cokesley-field		6*s.*	8*d.*
from Tomasina Fitzjames, now wife of Mr. William Stourton, for St. Andrew's acre in Wottonmede		2*s.*	0*d.*
from W. Butler, for 1 acre of arable between Balytrow and Milton, lately inclosed and ditched by Mr. John Raynold, once held by Thomas Cornyce		6*s.*	0*d.*
from John Grenelake, for a messuage in Elm		1*s.*	0*d.*

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from houses in Tucker St., from the receiver-general, instead of the prior of St. John the Baptist, Wells		1*s.*	4*d.*
pension from Wraxall		4*s.*	4*d.*
from Mr. Walter Cretyng for the camery and stable		6*s.*	8*d.*
Sales : lead	15*l.*	6*s.*	2*d.*
iron		14*s.*	6*d.*
freestone		10*s.*	2*d.*
crests			10*d.*
laths		1*s.*	6*d.*
old board		1*s.*	8*d.*
4 brass candlesticks, weighing 104*lbs.*	1*l.*	3*s.*	0*d.*
the tabernacle in the choir near the altar, sold to the suffragan of Wells ..		9*s.*	0*d.*
2 brass images of bishops in the choir, weighing 310*lbs.*, sold to Cuthbert Bulman	3*l.*	12*s.*	1*d.*
Legacies		1*s.*	8*d.*
From vacancies of vicars' stalls	33*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

Workmen's weekly wages	9*l.*	15*s.*	0½*d.*
Expenses of collection of the brotherhood of St. Andrew		*nil*	
Bought : old lead		9*s.*	3*d.*
from one of Glaston for 6½*cwt.* of old lead	2*l.*	3*s.*	4*d.*
solder	1*l.*	3*s.*	4*d.*
new lead, 3 *tons* 228*lbs.*	27*l.*	8*s.*	3*d.*
a case of Normandy glass	1*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
carriage		1*s.*	8*d.*
a larger case	1*l.*	12*s.*	0*d.*
carriage		1*s.*	8*d.*
7 loads of timber from the chapter house of Glastonbury	2*l.*	2*s.*	0*d.*
1,200 board nails		6*s.*	0*d.*
4,200 lath nails		6*s.*	8*d.*
600 lead nails		6*s.*	9*d.*
Necessary expenses : sieve for the plumbary			3*d.*
mending the clock		3*s.*	4*d.*
glass and solder for the chapter house ..		3*s.*	4*d.*
key for the door of the chapel of St. Mary in the cloister			10*d.*
key for the north door of the church ..			10*d.*
spade			10*d.*
brooms			2*d.*
crests		10*s.*	0*d.*
pieces of iron to repair doors		4*s.*	1*d.*
iron for mending the organs		2*s.*	4*d.*

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to the organist for mending the organ in the choir and for a new pipe		8*s.*	0*d.*
stocklock and key		1*s.*	0*d.*
iron for the pulpit		2*s.*	5*d.*
4,000 tile pins, at 3*d.* the sack		1*s.*	4*d.*
to 8 men cleaning the church		2*s.*	0*d.*
writing this account		3*s.*	4*d.*
paper		1*s.*	0*d.*
hire of horse and man, at 1*s.* 4*d.* a day		4*s.*	0*d.*
trestles for the Lord's Table		1*s.*	0*d.*
28 yards of mats for the chapter house		2*s.*	4*d.*
10 hundred of laths		10*s.*	0*d.*
1,000 byrsten laths		8*s.*	4*d.*
making a hammer for the chimes		5*s.*	0*d.*
a handbarrow			4*d.*
To Mr. Lye, for ingrossing Mr. Backham's book in 1548		3*s.*	4*d.*
Carriage of 3 tons of lead from the mines to Wells		6*s.*	0*d.*
drivers' food		1*s.*	0*d.*
A bar and hasps for the south door		1*s.*	0*d.*
To the collector of the king's subsidy, for Combe V, Combe X, Harptre and Dulcot		9*s.*	8*d.*
To the communar for tithes and subsidy of fabric	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
To Richard Brampston for his fee	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Paid on account of vicars' vacant stalls	4*l.*	5*s.*	8*d.*

1550–1551.

1550, Dec. 10.—Indenture by which the bishop sells to the Duke of Somerset, in fee, the palace at Wells, also his manors of Wells and Westbury, the hundred of Wells and Wells Forum, the park at Westbury and all manner of game [*feras*] in it, and all appurtenances, etc.; in consideration whereof the duke is pleased to pay to the bishop the sum of 400*l.* and to grant to him, his successors and assigns, all that his mansion commonly called the Dean's House of Wells, and also his manor of West Coker, with the advowson of the church there, and the hundred of West Coker, and the boroughs of Stogursey and Wellington, the rent of the meadows and "hundred sylver" in Wellington, with certain lands worth 60*l.* 2*s.* 11½*d.* a year [a long list of tenants], the park of Wedmore, the church and chapel or vicarage of Mark, with the glebe lands, tithes and the emoluments thereof, and an annuity of 17*l.* arising from the manor of Glastonbury, etc.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Dec. 29.—*fo.* 44.

Schedule to the above indenture, reserving to the bishop and dean their spiritual jurisdictions within the premises, and empowering the duke to re-enter upon the premises granted

to the bishop in the event of his lawful eviction by the bishop from all or any part of the premises granted to him by the bishop.—*fo.* 47.

1550–1, Feb. 22.—A letter from Mr. Dakyn to the chapter. Is informed that his singular friend, Mr. Dr. Turnour, is appointed by the king to be dean of Wells; that he has not a convenient house, and wishes to have his house now in the occupation of Mr. Goodman; that he had let Mr. Goodman have it when he was promoted to the deanery, at the intervention of Sir J. Thynne, and that if the said Mr. Goodman is removed from the said office, he is willing to surrender all his own rights therein to Mr. Turner, if he becomes dean. Dated at London.—*fo.* 48.

1550–1, March 24.—Mandate of King Edward VI to the chapter to install Dr. Turner in the place of Dean Goodman, who has vacated office by taking the prebend of Wyveliscombe in addition to his other preferments.—*fo.* 48*d.*

1551, April 10.—Grant by the king to Dean Turner of dispensation from residence, without loss of emoluments, whenever he may be occupied in preaching the Gospel in any part of the kingdom.

1551, April 13.—Grant by the bishop, with the consent of the chapter, to William Barloo, citizen of Wells, Richard Meryke of Bodgorgyn, Anglesey, Gele Barret of Geleeswycke, Pembrokeshire, Hugh Rowland, clerk, and Francis Barret, of the next presentation to the office of treasurer.—*fo.* 57*d.*

1551, May 10.—Royal license to the Duke of Somerset to grant the manor of Tingherst otherwise Fingherst, co. Bucks, to William Thynne, in exchange for the manor of Dultingcote. *Hanc licentiam predictam reperies semper in promptu in cancellaria domini nostri regis.* P. Beamounte.—*fo.* 52.

1551, May 12.—Deed for further assurance of the manors of Dultingcote and Tingherst.

Confirmed by the bishop and the dean and chapter, Sept. 9. —*fo.* 55.

1551, May 13.—Grant by William Thynne, prebendary of Dultingcote, to the Duke of Somerset, of the manor of Dultingcote, pursuant to royal license.

Confirmed by the bishop, July 25, and by the chapter, Sept. 29.—*fo.* 52*d.*

1551, June 6.—Grant by the king to George Carew, royal chaplain and precentor of Exeter, etc., for life, of dispensation from residence in any of his preferments, without loss of emoluments. Dated at Lieghes.—*fo.* 50.

1551–1552.

1551, Dec. 21.—Grant by the bishop to William Garrarde, alderman of London, and Simon Luve, merchant-tailor of London, of the next presentation to the archdeaconry of Taunton.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Dec. 31.—*fo.* 59*d.*

1552, June 21.—Indenture between the bishop and the dean and chapter and Sir John Gate, vice-chamberlain to the king and captain of the guard. The bishop and chapter, "at the contemplation of our soveraigne lord the king's majestie's most gracious letters to us dyrected," grant to Sir John the chapel by the cloister on the south side of the cathedral church, commonly called The Lady Chapel, with all stones and stonework, leads, glass, timber, iron, etc., the soil that the chapel stands on only excepted. "The said Sir J. Gate couvenanteth to rydde the ground . . . not only of such stone, ledde (etc.), but of all rubble . . . and make the ground fair and plane, within the space of foure years and a quarter next ensuing."*—*fo.* 65*d.*

1552, Sept. 12.—The dean and chapter appoint Walter Cretyng, archdeacon of Bath, and four others, to examine the accounts of John Goodman, canon residentiary, lately dean.—*fo.* 66.

Accounts of Andrew Thorne, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1551, to Michaelmas, 1552.

Paid to 14 vicars at 3*l.*, 10 at 2*l.* and one 1*l.* for half a year			
Owed by Mr. John Goodman, late dean, for half of Romynal's obit	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Owed by Mr. William Turner, dean, and possessor of the succentory, for part of Romynal's obit, a suit pending thereon	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

Communar's Paper Book.

Biddisham. Paid William Parsons, Feb. 11, by order of the president and chapter, for divers songs and books by him made and to be made	16*s.*	4*d.*
Feb. 17, for 7 yeards of yeolowe buckram to lyne a carpett for the communion table	4*s.*	8*d.*
To Mr. Lambert for makinge of the said carpett with armys, and also of a grene carpett	3*s.*	4*d.*

* The original document is in the Cathedral Library, No. 773.

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Mem. that I must be allowed for a [*written above*, my] Booke of *Josephus de bello Judaico*, chayned in our Ladie Chapel *ad mandatum subdecani* [Bowerman] .. 8*s.* 0*d.*

For two acts for the rebells, oon for St. Andrewe's and other sent to Lovington, prise of both .. .. 6*d.*

1552–1553.

1552, Nov. 22.—The dean and chapter to Sir J. Baker, chancellor of the court of tenths. Whereas the late bishop, William Knight, died in October, 1 Edward VI [1547], and the see remained vacant until Christmas and longer, and the duty of collecting tenths, first fruits, etc., fell upon the chapter on behalf of the king, by virtue of an act of Parliament. They were not able to collect a sum of 180*l.* due upon the bishopric, because all the revenues were in the king's hands during the vacancy, and there was no bishop from whom to obtain it. They therefore pray for an acquittance.—*fo.* 66*d.*

1552–3, Feb. 4.—Grant by the bishop to the king, his heirs, successors and assigns, of the manor of Wooky.

Confirmed by the chapter, April 8, 1553.—*fo.* 67.

1552–3, Feb. 8.—Appointment by the dean and chapter of George Carewe, dean of Bristol, Walter Cretyng, archdeacon of Bath, Polidore Vergil, archdeacon of Wells, and two others, as proctors in parliament and convocation at St. Paul's, London, beginning March 2 next.—*fo.* 66*d.*

1552–3, Feb. 22.—Grant by the dean and chapter, for 20*l.*, to William Lyte of Lylesden, esq., of the wardship of Thomas, son of Anthony Norton, who held a moiety of the manor of Stathe by military tenure. The said William Lyte is to be called to no account of the wardship, and, in the event of the said Thomas Norton dying a minor, is to have the wardship of his heir, and so from heir to heir until one shall reach full age.

Marginal note.—"A naughty form of the grant of a ward."—*fo.* 78.

Accounts of Andrew Thorne, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1552, to Michaelmas, 1553.

Paid to 11 vicars at 3*l.*, to 4 at 15*s.* for one term, to 10 at 2*l.*, to 1 at 1*l.* 10*s.* for 3 terms .. ..

1552–1553.

Owed by late Dean Goodman 2*l.*, pardoned.			
by Dean Turner 2*l.*, pardoned.			
by Archdeacon Polidore Virgil, part of W. Button's obit, 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, paid ..			
by the same, Peter of Chichester's obit	2*l.*	10*s.*	0*d.*
by the vicar of Chew Magna, for the Lady Chapel..	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*

Communar's Paper Book.

Biddisham. Paid W. Parsons, March 2, for divers songs by him made and to be made		12*s.*	0*d.*
Paid W. Parsons, August 29, by order of Mr. Bowerman, for 15 books containing 3 masses and primer		5*s.*	0*d.*
Paid October 30 *pro libro Sacre Communionis*, viz. a booke of the Common Prayer for the quyer		4*s.*	8*d.*
Paid Nicholas Prynne for keeping the organs		13*s.*	0*d.*
Mem. that the proclamacion for the first falle and abatement of the qoyne and moneye took effect July 9, 1551; the second proclamacion for same, August 18.			
Expenses. *Et in defalcatione et diminucione diversorum denariorum in manibus dicti computantis remanencium xviij° die Augusti ultimi ut patet per quendam compotum inde factum juxta tenorem verborum cujusdam proclamacionis domini nostri Regis in ea parte hoc anno edite*	32*l.*	11*s.*	3½*d.*
From receipts. *Inde idem computans in defalcatione et diminucione de x^li xiiij^s remanentibus in manibus dicti computantis xviij° die Augusti juxta tenorem cujusdam proclamacionis domini nostri Regis in ea parte edite*	5*l.*	7*s.*	0*d.*

1553–1554.

1553, Oct. 4.—Commission issued by the chapter, acting during the vacancy of the see caused by the resignation of the bishop, William [Barlow], to Thomas Morren of Galhampton gent., their sub-collector, to collect the 2*s.* in the £ due Oct. 1 out of the 6*s.* in the £ granted to the crown upon all ecclesiastical benefices (the perpetual tenth deducted) by the Parliament of March 1–31, 7 Edward VI, and payable in three years.—*fo.* 69*d.*

1553–1554.

1553–4, Jan. 25.—Petition of the chapter to the queen for leave to elect a bishop, the see being now vacant *de jure et de facto*, pursuant to statute 25 Hen. VIII [cap. 19].—*fo.* 72.

1553–4, March 6.—Grant by the dean, John Goodman, to Humphry Walrond of See, Somerset, for life, of the office of woodward in the forest of Roche, Somerset, with the yearly stipend of 4 loads of wood and 4*s*. *Per me Johannem Goodman, decanum Wellen'*.*—*fo.* 70*d*.

1553–4, March 13.—Letters patent granting the petition, the see being vacant *per liberam et spontaneam resignationem in manus nostras ultimi episcopi* [William Barlow].—*fo.* 72.

1554, May 4.—Grant by the dean to Sir Edward Hastyngs, master of the horse and privy councillor, for life, of the office of steward of the decanal estates and the prebend of Wyvelis-combe, with a yearly stipend of 40*s*.
Confirmed by the chapter, May 21, 1556.—*fo.* 71*d*.

1554, July 3.—Grant by the dean and chapter to Jasper Heywood of a yearly fee of 40*s*. issuing out of the manor of Curry, in consideration of many benefits conferred by him.

1554, Aug. 24.—Deed by which William Godwin, lessee for 80 years of Wokye parsonage, covenants with the lessor, William Bourman, the sub-dean, to keep the premises in repair, during the term.—*fo.* 105.

1554, Aug. 31.—Grant by the bishop, Gilbert [Bourne], to Robert Hutchings and William Grylls, of the next presentation to the prebend of St. Decuman's.
Confirmed by the dean and chapter, July 5, 1558.—*fo.* 110*d*.

ACCOUNTS of ANDREW THORNE, the COMMUNAR, from MICHAELMAS, 1553, to MICHAELMAS, 1554.

Receipts.

Balance of last year	9*l*.	18*s*.	1*d*.
Do. of 1552 (omitted last year)	3*l*.	8*s*.	6*d*.
Received by rental	77*l*.	18*s*.	5½*d*.
Increased rent of an acre in Portway		3*s*.	4*d*.

Expenses.

Paid to 6 vicars choral at 3*l*., to 8 at 30*s*. for the half-year, to one vicar because he was married, to 2 at 45*s*. for 3 terms, to 8 at 2*l*., to 2 at 30*s*. for 3 terms, to 1 at 20*s*. for the half-year, to 3 at 10*s*. for one term

* This is the first time since his deprivation that John Goodman appears as dean.

1553–1554.

King's tenth	7*l.*	15*s.*	10½*d.*
Collector for bringing money		13*s.*	4*d.*
Communar for account		13*s.*	4*d.*
Morgan Gitto, the bishop's bailiff, for chief rent			6*d.*
A clerk serving the mass of B.M. for over half a year		2*s.*	8*d.*
Wax burning at the altar there the aforesaid time		6*s.*	8*d.*
Owed by Archdeacon Polidore Virgil	5*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
by the vicar of Chew Magna for last year	6*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
and for half the present year	3*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Joan daughter of Lewis Sheperd, for rent of an acre belonging to Bamfylde chantry, because in possession of George Pawlett			4*d.*
the communar	10*l.*	15*s.*	8*d.*

1554–1555.

1554, Oct. 20.—Grant by Gilbert [Bourne], bishop of Bath and Wells, to his cousin, Sir John Bourne, and Anthony, son of the said Sir John, of the reversion, expectant on the death of Thomas Clerk, of the office of surveyor-general of manors and other estates belonging to the see within the county of Somerset, for their joint lives, and the life of the survivor, with a yearly fee of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Nov. 2.—*fo.* 87.

1554, Oct. 20.—Grant by the same to Richard Bourne and Gilbert his son of the reversion of the office of receiver-general of the said manors and other estates, with a yearly fee of 10*l.*

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Nov. 2.—*fo.* 88.

1554, Nov. 2.—Grant by the bishop to John [White], bishop of Lincoln, Sir Thomas White and John White, citizen of London, of the next presentation to the archdeaconry of Taunton.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, same day.—*fo.* 76*d.*

1555, May 23.—Grant by John FitzJames, archdeacon of Taunton, to James Basset, of the office of steward of the manors and other estates belonging to the archdeaconry, wheresoever situated within the realm, for life, with a yearly fee of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, May 19 [*sic*], 1555.—*fo.* 87*d.*

1555–1556.

1556, April 23.—Lease by the dean to Sir Richard Reade, master in chancery, of the parsonage barns of Wellington and Buckland, Somerset, for 60 years, rent 40*l.*

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, June 4.—*fo.* 95*d.*

1556–1557.

1556-7, Jan. 31.—Lease by the dean to John Payne of Charde, in consideration of 40*l.*, of the tithe corn, otherwise called the tithe sheaf, and the barn and garden belonging to Charde parsonage, for 60 years, rent 24*l.*; provided always that Rawlynge Paule, widow, shall enjoy the said tithing corn and other the premises during her life upon the same terms as she now does, without any let or interruption by the said John Payne.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Feb. 1.—*fo.* 102*d.*

1557–1558.

1557–8, Jan. 12.—Manumission by the bishop, Gilbert [Bourne], of Nicholas Hawkyns of Banwell, and his sons, Thomas, John the elder, John the middle [*medius*] and John the younger, natives, and all their progeny.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Jan. 15.—*fo.* 104.

1558, June 25.—Lease by the Rt. Hon. John Boxoll, clerk, principal secretary to the queen, and prebendary of Ilton, to his servant, Robert Warram, of the prebend and rectory of Ilton and all the profits and appurtenances thereof, for 23 years, rent 11*l.* 4*s.*

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, June 6, 1559.—*fo.* 111.

Communar's Paper Book.

Paid Oct. 11 to Robert Awman to be vicar choral at 12*l.* a year, playing the organ and instructing the choristers *in arte musica . . . ut organa pulset, et choristas bene et sufficienter instruet cantando et organa pulsando pro sua cujusque capacitate* for expenses	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Paid Richard German for expenses at Frome *pro jocalibus erga festum Sancti Andree*, 1556		2*s.*	6*d.*
Paid to Gryffyth Apowell, sexton, to bye two bushells of wheate to make Maundye bredd withall		13*s.*	4*d.*
Paid for two newe towells, th'on for the busshopp's aulter and th'other for the dean's aulter, *sic utriusque*		1*s.*	4*d.*

1557–1558.

Expenses attending the fair of St. James, 4 days, at Bristol		9*s.*	8*d.*
Charges at Dean Gunthorp's, St. John's and St. Stephen's aulter	2*l.*	9*s.*	9½*d.*
Paid to the sexton for singing bredde		3*s.*	4*d.*
Paid to Richard Atkyns, waxe chandler, for the makynge of 14 greate tapers for the sepulcre, with others		2*s.*	8*d.*
Paid to Sabyn of Glaston, for writinge of 8 queris of the Gospell Boke, *precio le quere* 20*d.*, *in toto*		13*s.*	4*d.*
Paid to Hewghe Tynte, for the correcting, pointing and covering of the Gospell Boke		2*s.*	0*d.*
Paid to Sabbyn of Glaston for writing the legends for the commemoration of St. Andrew		1*s.*	6*d.*
Item paid more to him for a flymme of velym for the same worke, which made 6 leavys			10*d.*
Paid Richard Roberts, London, *generosus*, for 12 silken copes and 6 tunics and dalmatics, by order of chapter	18*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
carriage		2*s.*	7*d.*
June 13, for a pece of redde buckram, 5¾*yds.*		4*s.*	6*d.*
for 4¾*yds.* more of redde buckram ..		4*s.*	0*d.*
for 5*yds.* of canvasse		2*s.*	11*d.*
for 42*yds.* of dowlesse for 6 aulbes	1*l.*	9*s.*	9*d.*
for the makynge of 3 albes and for yncle		2*s.*	4*d.*
and for 3 albes more and yncle		2*s.*	0*d.*
June 27, for a pece of grene buckram, 5½*yds.*		4*s.*	7*d.*
To John Bodye for 10½*yds.* of yeowlowe buckram		8*s.*	9*d.*
for 4*yds.* of canvas		2*s.*	8*d.*
and threde			1*d.*
for a quartern of a pound of redde, grene and yeowlowe threde		1*s.*	2*d.*
Paid to William Lynge, 5 Feby., 1558, for 8*yds.* of dowles for an aulbe for the busshopp's aulter		5*s.*	8*d.*
for the making of the said aulbe and for yncle			8*d.*
Paid to Sir Thomas Hooper, July 12, for a quarter of a pound of blewe threde bought at Robert Cokett's		1*s.*	0*d.*
for halfe a quarter more of redd, grene and yeolowe threde			7*d.*
Paid for buckrams 2 peces, vestment 17 peces, rybons and a pounde of coloured threde ..	1*l.*	13*s.*	0*d.*

1557–1558.

Paid Sir Thomas Hooper for newe making of two sewts and coopis	1*l.*	4*s.*	3*d.*
Paid to Mighell Burton, Aug. 27, for a processionall, now in the custodie of Backewell by order of chapter		1*s.*	8*d.*
Paid to Mr. Leynge, Aug. 28, for 8*yds.* of dowles for an albe for the morrow mass		6*s.*	4*d.*
more to him for 2*yds.* of grene buckram		1*s.*	6*d.*
for 2 peces of brode yncle to make vestment gurdelles		2*s.*	2*d.*

1558–1559.

1558, Nov. 3.—Appointment by the bishop of W. Lancaster and Richard Snow as diocesan registrars.—*fo.* 134*d.*

1558, Dec. 10.—Grant by the dean and chapter to Richard Dennys, esq., of the office of chief steward *in guerris* of all their tenements, etc.—*fo.* 105*d.*

1559, June 12.—Grant by the bishop to Richard Bourne, citizen of London, and Richard Snowe of Wells, notary public, of the next presentation to the prebends of Whitchurche and Whitelakington.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, June 18.—*fo.* 115.

1559, Aug. 15.—Grant by the bishop to Humphrey Coles of the next presentation to the prebend of Wedmore II. Dated at Wyvelscombe.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Oct. 30.—*fo.* 115*d.*

1559, Aug. 27.—Lease by the bishop to Sir Edward Rogers, comptroller of the queen's household and privy councillor, of the manor of Wyvelescumbe, for 21 years, rent 78*l.* 7*s.*—*fo.* 116.

1559–1560.

1559, Oct. 12.—Lease by the bishop to Sir Edward Rogers, of the manor of Kingesberie, for 21 years, rent 111*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.*—*fo.* 117*d.*

1559, Oct. 12.—Lease by the same to the same of the said manor, for 21 years, to take effect from Michaelmas, 1580, at the same rent.—*fo.* 118.

1559, Oct. 12.—Lease by the same to the same of the hundred of Kingesbery, for 21 years, rent 7*l.*—*fo.* 119.

1559, Oct. 12.—Lease by the same to the same of the manor of Kingsbery, for 21 years, to take effect from Michaelmas, 1601, at the rent before reserved.—*fo.* 119*d.*

1559–1560.

1559, Dec. 1.—Grant by John Cottrell, LL.D., archdeacon of Wells, to Sir Richard Sackeville, privy councillor, and his son Thomas, for their joint lives and the life of the survivor, of an annuity of 4 marks issuing from the rectory of South-brent.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Jan. 13, 1559–60.—*fo.* 120.

1559–60, Jan. 11.—*Congé d'élire* for the election of a bishop [in the place of Gilbert Bourne, deprived].—*fo.* 124.

1559–60, Jan. 17.—An annuity of 20*l.* granted by the dean and chapter to George Carew, in consideration of his relinquishment of his residence and his revenues and advantages as a canon of Wells; "his balles, which herafter att any tyme shall happen by reason of his dignitie and residens ther, and also all suche profitts, advauntages and commodities, as likewise at anye tyme herafter shall happen to the said Mr. George Carewe by reason of any newe appointed or nomynated residentiaries, only excepted."—*fo.* 131*d.*

1559–60, Jan. 30.—Certificate by the chapter, the dean being absent, of their choice, on Jan. 29, of Gilbert Barklye S.T.P., as bishop in the room of Gilbert Bourne, deprived.—*fo.* 124.

1560, June 18.—Definitive decree for the reinstatement of William Turner in the deanery. The case had been heard in the house of Richard Goodricke, near Fleet-street.—*fo.* 130*d.*

1560, June 19.—The appeal or protestation made this day by John Goodman, dean (as he asserts) of Wells, in the house of William Say, notary public, at the western corner of the lane commonly called Pater Noster Row, in the parish of Christ Church, London.

He protests against the decision of a commission—consisting of Matthew [Parker], archbishop of Canterbury, Anthony Cooke, knt., William May, Thomas Sakford, Richard Goodrick and Thomas Yale, doctors of laws—in the suit brought by William Turner for reinstatement in the deanery, on the ground of irregularities in the proceedings.

His protest is given at full length, 1½ folios.—*fo.* 129.

1560, July 20.—Inspeximus and confirmation by Queen Elizabeth of letters patent of Edward VI, granting to the dean, William Turner, dispensation from residence, with receipt of full allowances, whenever he is engaged in preaching the Gospel, etc.—*fo.* 132.

1560, Aug. 27.—Collation by Matthew [Parker], archbishop of Canterbury, patron *pro hac vice*, of Gilbert Barkley, bishop

of Bath and Wells, to the office of chancellor in Wells Cathedral. *Tibi qui (ut asseris) in hac parte sufficienter qualificatus existis, pro status tui juxta pontificalis dignitatis exigentiam meliore et uberiore sustentatione, durante vita tua;* etc. Dated at Lambehithe.—*fo.* 132*d.*

Accounts of Thomas Hooper, the Communar, from Michaelmas, 1559, to Michaelmas, 1560.

Receipts.

Balance in hand	22*l.*	2*s.*	8*d.*
Rents: Antelopp, 57th year of 80 years' lease to Bishop Cornish		4*s.*	0*d.*
2 houses adjoining	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Rowland Dogioun the tailor's in Est Walles		13*s.*	4*d.*
toft &c. at Torr Bridge		3*s.*	4*d.*
Hugh Bartoun's garden		2*s.*	0*d.*
messuage in New St., from Mr. Peter Carsligh's assigns		6*s.*	8*d.*
cottage at Jacob's well		6*s.*	8*d.*
new built house in High St., from William Welshote's assigns	2*l.*	13*s.*	3*d.*
Morgan Gitto's house in High St., let for 61 years	1*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
the Hart's Head in Sadler St.	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
chief rent of Milton from the Grange bailiff		6*s.*	0*d.*
rent from the lord of Newtoun Placy, assigned to the vicars-choral	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Total	11*l.*	8*s.*	8*d.*

The reeve of North Corye	91*l.*	18*s.*	4¾*d.*
The hundred of North Corye	2*l.*	11*s.*	9*d.*
The reeve of Est Corye	98*l.*	1*s.*	0½*d.*
The reeve of Westhatch	20*l.*	9*s.*	4½*d.*
The reeve of Wrentich	43*l.*	19*s.*	6*d.*
The reeve of Knappe	21*l.*	4*s.*	11¼*d.*
The reeve of Winscomb	87*l.*	4*s.*	11½*d.*
The bailiff of Est Lambrok	8*l.*	1*s.*	4*d.*
The bailiff of Bicknoller	27*l.*	6*s.*	4½*d.*
The bailiff of Alvarton	22*l.*	19*s.*	10*d.*
The farmer of Shepham	24*l.*	19*s.*	0*d.*
Wells Orum		11*s.*	11*d.*
Grange parsonage	40*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Grange bailiff	1*l.*	14*s.*	7½*d.*
The farmer of Stokgummer	41*l.*	7*s.*	2*d.*
The farmer of Burnham	32*l.*	3*s.*	0*d.*
The farmer of Lydiard Episcopi	31*l.*	9*s.*	7*d.*

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The farmer of Bucland	19*l.*	7*s.*	11¼*d.*
The farmer of Whitchurch	22*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
The farmer of Congresbury	33*l.*	15*s.*	8*d.*
The farmer of Cheddar	29*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
The farmer of Pucklechurch	62*l.*	5*s.*	8*d.*
The farmer of Mudford	19*l.*	3*s.*	4*d.*
The farmer of Lovington	6*l.*	16*s.*	8*d.*
The farmer of Southbarrow		*nil.*	
The farmer of Okehampton	5*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
The farmer of Edistoun	4*l.*	17*s.*	1*d.*
The farmer of Westmere	4*l.*	11*s.*	4*d.*
New Work	15*l.*	8*s.*	5*d.*
Probates of wills	1*l.*	8*s.*	4*d.*
Sealing charters	4*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Confirmation and sealing benefices	5*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Annual pensions : St. Cuthbert's, 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; Chewton, 23*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; Carhampton, 5*l.*; Nether Stowey, 2*l.*; Norton sub Hamdon, 2*l.*; West Lydford, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Canons' Grange for Cawytt house, 2*s.*; Westharptree, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Henton Monachorum, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Creech, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Stoke sub Hamdon, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Muriat, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Est Coker, 13*s.* 4*d.*; Bradford, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Evell, 1*l.*; Kingstone, 4*s.*; Butleye, 13*s.* 4*d.*; Lullington, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Coryrevell, 1*l.*; St. Cuthbert's for choristers, 20*l.*; Wodwick and Freshford, 8*d.*; Wraxall, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Wincanton, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Cheddar, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; for Glaston monastery, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; Norton St. Philip for Henton Monachorum, 5*s.*; Tyntenhull for Montacute priory, 13*s.* 4*d.*			
Total receipts	914*l.*	15*s.*	7½*d.*

Expenses.

Paid for petty commons of the bishop and canons	85*l.*	7*s.*	8*d.*
petty commons of the vicars-choral ..	41*l.*	14*s.*	0½*d.*
Master of schools	3*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
3 governors of Lady Chapel	2*l.*	5*s.*	7½*d.*
Commons of 3 guardians of church	2*l.*	12*s.*	0*d.*
Communion wine		17*s.*	10*d.*
getting said wine		2*s.*	0*d.*
To the prebendary of Cory	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Communar	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Tabellar		13*s.*	4*d.*
Chaplains and bread for poor	14*l.*	11*s.*	6*d.*
To the bishop from Antelopp rent		1*s.*	0*d.*
Parchment and paper		2*s.*	0*d.*
To choristers from St. Cuthbert's	20*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*

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Sacrist for Ergham obit			8*d*.
To Archdeacon Cottrell for collecting tenth and subsidy during vacancy of see	10*l*.	0*s*.	0*d*.
Paid on account of Bekenton's obit		17*s*.	8*d*.
Gunthorpe's	2*l*.	1*s*.	8*d*.
To the archdeacon of Wells, for Mudford		7*s*.	7½*d*.
To king's receiver, for Winscombe church		13*s*.	4*d*.
To master of the choristers, for Estlambroke	6*l*.	13*s*.	4*d*.
For vigils of St. Edmund and St. Nicholas		13*s*.	4*d*.
For college		16*s*.	0*d*.
Law officers	31*l*.	5*s*.	8*d*.
Various expenses for the dean and chapter	64*l*.	8*s*.	0*d*.
To king's receiver, for Bubwith's chantry	26*l*.	6*s*.	8*d*.
Burnell and Haselshaw's	6*l*.	13*s*.	4*d*.
Hewsie's	6*l*.	13*s*.	4*d*.
W. de Wellington's	6*l*.	13*s*.	4*d*.
Godley's	3*l*.	6*s*.	8*d*.
Hull's	4*l*.	0*s*.	0*d*.
Ergham's	4*l*.	0*s*.	0*d*.
Drokensford's and Corimal's	6*l*.	13*s*.	4*d*.
For bread and wine and wax	1*l*.	15*s*.	4*d*.
For various obits	39*l*.	18*s*.	0*d*.
For Montroy College	4*l*.	9*s*.	4*d*.
To Precentor George Carew, annuity, three quarters	15*l*.	0*s*.	0*d*.
Queen's tenth and subsidy	90*l*.	13*s*.	5¾*d*. and ½ farthing
From fabric fund	4*l*.	0*s*.	0*d*.
From Biddisham	13*l*.	17*s*.	4¾*d*.
From vicars-choral	8*l*.	10*s*.	0*d*.
From house of choristers	5*l*.	5*s*.	7¾*d*.
To canons residing	367*l*.	13*s*.	7¾*d*.
Half-farthing allowed to communar.			
WORSPRING. Receipts	10*l*.	6*s*.	8*d*.
Paid vicars choral for W. Button's, Wethamsted's and A. Bamfyld's obits	5*l*.	6*s*.	8*d*.
To king's receiver	4*l*.	6*s*.	8*d*.
Bread of poor	2*l*.	10*s*.	0*d*.
To vicars in lieu of 3 governors of Lady Chapel		6*s*.	8*d*.
Acquittance, &c.		6*s*.	8*d*.
WESTMERE. Receipts	11*l*.	0*s*.	8*d*.
To vicars choral	6*l*.	1*s*.	8*d*.
Communar		6*s*.	8*d*.
Sacrist		1*s*.	0*d*.

1559–1560.

Barlich. Balance	5*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Receipts	34*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*

Expenses.

To vicars choral	8*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Collector for J. Button's obit	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Bread of poor and distribution	1*l.*	8*s.*	8*d.*
To choristers	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Bread of poor, St. Quentin's obit		13*s.*	4*d.*
Of Romynall's obit, to vicars	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Collector	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Bread of poor	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Of W. Button's obit, to vicars	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Bread and distribution	1*l.*	8*s.*	8*d.*
Of Wambrough chantry, to collector	3*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Of Ralph de Lullington's obit, to poor	2*l.*	8*s.*	8*d.*
Of Stratton's obit, to collector	1*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Of Bratton's to do.	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Of Graynefylde's		13*s.*	4*d.*
Of Gessich obit		6*s.*	8*d.*
Writing account		6*s.*	8*d.*
Collector for postage, &c.		13*s.*	4*d.*
Total expenses	33*l.*	2*s.*	0*d.*

Bidsham. Balance	18*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Received of the reeve	42*l.*	2*s.*	11½*d.*
Rent of new building in Chamberlain St.	1*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Paid Mr. William Lide, schoolmaster, besides his stipend, 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*	1*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
to him for keeping organ		13*s.*	4*d.*
Other expenses	10*l.*	9*s.*	1*d.*
Repairs of houses	13*l.*	5*s.*	6*d.*
To computant		13*s.*	4*d.*
To vicars choral, rent of Radcliff mead	3*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Collector, tenth and subsidy	13*l.*	17*s.*	4¾*d.*
For deterioration of money, Sept. 28, according to queen's proclamation	11*l.*	15*s.*	10¼*d.*
Rent of John Barrow, deficient		6*s.*	8*d.*

Dulverton and Sutton. Balance	5*l.*	19*s.*	5*d.*
Rent of farms	56*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Paid pension to late rector of Sutton	27*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
Vicar's stall wages	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
Computant		6*s.*	8*d.*
To blind, halt and bedridden		13*s.*	4*d.*
Other expenses	17*l.*	3*s.*	4¼*d.*

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Deterioration on Sept. 28, according to queen's proclamation	11*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*
Half cost of Erasmus' *Paraphrase* for Long Sutton church	8*s.* 0*d.*

COMMUNAR'S BOOK.

Payments: 13*s.* 4*d.* to William Lyde, keeper of the organs; 5*l.* to Mr. Lyde, master of the schools; 20*s.* to William Parsons "for making and pricking off certayne songes in Englisshe;" 8*s.* 8*d.* "for iiij salter bookes, bowght at Bristowle, paid for every spalter booke ij*s.* ij*d.*;" 22*s.* for 2 Bibles in English, and 4*d.* for carriage of them from Bristowe; 4*d.* for 2 linen cloths for the communion table; 6*s.* 8*d.* "for writing off the injunctions."

ACCOUNTS of THOMAS HOOPER, the ESCHEATOR, from MICHAELMAS, 1559, to MICHAELMAS, 1560.

Receipts.

Balance from 1558–9	25*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*
Rents: 3 tenements in Biestwalls	
5 tenements in Torlane	
9 tenements, including Beer's Inn in Chamberlain St.	
2 tenements in High St.	
1 tenement at Jacob's Well	
1 stable at Mill pool	
2 tenements in Grope Lane	
pasture, 2 tenements and barn in New St.	
For obits of Wells city, the archdeacon of Taunton, the archdeacon of Wells, vicar of Chew Magna, Mountry College, Mr. John Aylesworth, the king's receiver for St. John Baptist, Wells, Mr. George Owen for St. John's Hospital, Bristol, Christ Church, Bristol	
Rents of Mr. John Fitzjames for Mountrey and Rich's Close, Precentor of Wells, Mr. John Cottrell	
For obits from succentor	
Rents of Mr. William Bowerman, Mr. T. Jurye, Mr. James Bonde, Mr. Giles Caple	
Obits of Worspringe and Barlich dissolved, and of communar	
Obits of John Child and John Blakdoun ..	
Obits from Gaunt's, Bristol, and communar ..	
from Robert Fann, receiver of the vicar's New Close	69*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

1559–1560.

Expenses.

Paid to queen's collectors for obits	48*l.*	16*s.*	0*d.*
Bailiff Augustine Bulman		6*s.*	8*d.*
Expenses of computus		4*s.*	4*d.*
Chief rents		1*s.*	4*d.*
To the queen for house by Est Walles		1*s.*	0*d.*
To the keeper of the fabric for a house in Chamberlain St.		4*s.*	0*d.*
Queen's receiver for expenses of St. John's, Wells, dissolved		2*s.*	0*d.*
Sums owed : By George Owen, possessor of Hospital of St. John the Baptist, Bristol, for obit of Richard Tessoner	11*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
by succentor and Thomas Fulwell his farmer, for obits of Fortis and Scory	5*l.*	12*s.*	6*d.*
by Polidore Virgil, late archdeacon of Wells, for obit of Peter de Cicestria, 1553–1556	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
by Christopher Whit, for obits of Wellington and De la Pole, 1553–1560	5*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
by guardians of Christ Church, Bristol, for obit of Erley, 1553–1560	2*l.*	13*s.*	4*d.*
by William Sargent for rent of a tenement in Tor Lane, 1558		5*s.*	0*d.*
by assigns of William Welshote, for land in Chamberlain St.		11*s.*	8*d.*
Paid to 25 persons at the close of the account	13*l.*	8*s.*	2*d.*

Examined and approved by William Bowrman, Thomas Baylye, James Bonde, Thomas Moore, Robert Fanner, auditors, and John Lane, clerk of auditors.

1560–1561.

1560, Nov. 28.—Copy of writ enjoining John Goodman, clerk, not to interfere between the receiver appointed by the court of chancery of the revenues of Combe St. Nicholas and the tenants of the manor pending the decision of a suit about the possession of the deanery, between the said Goodman and William Turner.—*fo.* 1*a.*

1560–1, March 15.—Commission to Matthew [Parker], archbishop of Canterbury, Anthony Cooke, knt., Thomas Sackford and Richard Goodrike, esquires, and Thomas Yale, LL.D., to adjudicate upon the controversy between John Goodman, clerk, and William Turner, dean of Wells, which had already been virtually decided by Thomas [Young], archbishop of York, Alexander Nowell, dean of St. Paul's, Thomas Davys, LL.D., and John Hales, esq., as commissioners. —*fo.* 1*a.d.*

1560–1561.

1560–1, March 21.—Writ ordering John Goodman, under a penalty of 1,000*l.*, to vacate the deanery forthwith and surrender it and all decanal property to William Turner, until, upon good cause shown, it be otherwise determined. Dated at Redgrave.

Communar's Book.

Payments: 10*s.* to Mr. Lyde, keeper of the organs, for 3 quarters; 25*s.* to Mr. Lyde, master of the schools, for one quarter; 4*l.* 10*s.* to Mr. Thomas Elis, master of the schools, for 3 quarters; 13½*d.* "to Mr. Lyde for a good songe, viz. *te deum* in Englishe, which he broughte from Harforde;" 4*s.* "for iij tablis prented off the x commandementes and kalenders, which he sett up in the church by commandement off my lorde archbusshopp of Cantorburye;" 6*s.* 8*d.* "for the moytie off the paraphraes off Erasmus for the parishe churche off Lovington;" 3*s.* 4*d.* to Alexander Ward* "for songes which he broghte frome Glosseter and frome Bristowe;" 2*s.* 8*d.* "for viij quairs off paper to make bokes for to pricke the same songes and others, which was delyveryd to Master Lyde."

Accounts of Thomas Hooper, the Escheator, from Michaelmas, 1560, to Michaelmas, 1561.

Receipts.

Of Walter Selye *alias* Younge, receiver-general of New Close, Wells, for obits issuing from the house of said vicars ..	2*l.*	13*s.*	0*d.*

Expenses.

Paid to Mr. John Harington, queen's collector, for obits	48*l.*	1*s.*	4*d.*
Repairs of houses	4*l.*	13*s.*	9½*d.*
Sums owed: By George Owen, possessor of St. John the Baptist's Hospital, Bristol	12*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
succentor and Th. Fulwell	5*l.*	12*s.*	6*d.*
Polidore Virgil	2*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
Christofer Whit	6*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
guardians of Christ church, Bristol ..	3*l.*	0*s.*	0*d.*
William Sargante		5*s.*	0*d.*
John Lowth, vicar of Chew Magna, for obit of Bishop Ralph de Salopia ..	3*l.*	6*s.*	8*d.*
assigns of W. Welshot		5*s.*	10*d.*

* Alexander Warde first appears as a vicar-choral in the quarter ending Michaelmas, 1561.

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Paid to 23½ persons at the close of the account .. .. 9*l.* 13*s.* 10½*d.*

Examined and approved by W. Bowreman, sub-dean, Thomas Bayly, treasurer, John Cottrell, archdeacon of Wells, James Bonde, archdeacon of Bath, and Robert Fanner, John Lambert, vicars, auditors.

1561–1562.

1561, Sept. 30.—Grant by the bishop, Gilbert Barkley, of the chancellorship of Wells and the rectory of Kingsbury united therewith, to Roger Legge and Robert Lawgham, with the provision that John Leage may be presented thereto, but if a vacancy does not happen until after John Leage's death, then it reverts to the bishop.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, same day.—*fo.* 136*d.*

Accounts of Thomas Hooper, the Communar.

Among the arrerages is included 4*l.* due from Polidor Virgill, late archdeacon of Wells, for 3 years' pensions of Dultinge and Estbrent, down to Michaelmas, 1556.

Communar's Book.

Payments : 13*s.* 4*d.* to Mr. Lyde, organist ; 8*l.* to Thomas Elis, schoolmaster ; 8*d.* "for setting off ij clapsis [clasps] upon the paraphrases ;" 5*s.* "for a boke off the communion ;" 8*s.* "for iiij spalter bookes ;" 4*s.* 6*d.* "for a pott off tyn to fetch wyne for the communion ;" 53*s.* 4*d.* "to a paynter off Glossetter for writing off the x comandementes and other thinges upon the wall within the quier ;" 10*s.* "for v spalter bookes."

1562–1563.

1563, May 19.—The stewards having been wont to make a profit by leasing the capitular estates to their friends under value, it is ordered by William Turner, dean, John Leage, chancellor, Thomas Bayly, treasurer, William Bourman, sub-dean, and John Cottrell and James Bonde, archdeacons of Bath and Wells respectively, that in future all such contracts be made publicly *in foro nostro.*—*fo.* 143*d.*

Communar's Book ; Thomas Hooper, Communar.

Payments : 13*s.* 4*d.* to Thomas Tanner, keeper of the organs ; 8*l.* to Thomas Elis, the pedagogue ; 13*s.* 4*d.* for a bible in English ; 6*s.* "for iij spalter bookes in Englishe ;" 4*s.* "for a boke off the newe homelies ;" 10*d.* "for a boke sett forthe for the order off prayer and fasting upon Wensdayes, etc. ;" 7*s.* 4*d.* to the dean for Tertulian's works ; 24*s.* to the queen's players [*in regardis datis ludicoribus* (?) *domine nostre regine*].

1563–1564.

1564, Aug. 26.—Lease by Thomas Smithe, prebendary of Lytton, to Bartholomew Dodington, M.A., of the prebend of Lytton, for 21 years, rent 6*l.*

Confirmed by the bishop, Aug. 29, and by the dean and chapter, Oct. 2.—*fo.* 146.

Communar's Book; Thomas Hooper, Communar.

Payments: 13*s.* 4*d.* to Thomas Tanner, keeper of the organs; 8*l.* to Thomas Ellis, the pedagogue; 16*d.* "for j*lb.* off curtayne ringes which were sett in the clothes off arris that do hange abowte the stalles within the quier;" 3*d.* "for setting off a clappes [clasp] upon a boke, viz. the bible."

1565–1566.

1565, Oct. 4.—Appointment by the dean and chapter of Thomas Bailie, treasurer, and John Cotterel, archdeacon of Wells, to exercise the peculiar jurisdiction in matrimonial and other causes, in North Cory, Chedder, Longe Sutton, Lidiard Bishop's, Combe St. Nicholas, Winsham, Lovington and South Barowe.—*fo.* 155.

The following undated memorandum is in volume E:—A speciall good note to be remembred. Mem. that whensoever the deane and chapitre shall suffre or susteane any prejudyce, losse, or dammage by receavyng of rent, and by receavyng of the same rent ratyfye any lease, that for remedy of that dammage the saide deane and chapitre, or there assignes, shall first entre; and in that entry, if it be in houses, to avoide the house of all maner of persons within the same; and yf it be in groundes, to avoide the same of all and all maner of cattell in and upon the same groundes.—*fo.* 1*a.*

1568–1569.

Accounts of John Deane, Gentleman, Communar and Escheator.

Payments: 8*l.* to Thomas Ellis, master of the schools; 13*s.* 4*d.* to Matthew Nailer, keeper of the organs.

1570–1571.

1570, Nov. 20.—Lease to Jeffrey Uppeton of Wormyster, for 50 years from the expiration, surrender or forfeiture of a lease to William Evans of Burcott and William Lovell of Chelcott, dated July 26, 29 Henry VIII [1537], of the rectory called Cannon Barne, with a barton to the same of both sides of the grange, and all tithes of grain, hay and mills, and all emoluments and profits; except all spiritual offerings reserved to the dean and chapter, and all perquisites of courts, fines of lands, heriots, reliefs, escheats, marriages, prison and pound-fold, etc., and the advowson of the vicarage of St. Cuthbert's,

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"and also the usuall and accustomed place for the officers and mynysters of the said deane and chapter to keepe courte as often as neade shall require there to be holden." Rent 40*l.* —[Ledger F, *fo.* 1.]

1571–1572.

Liber actorum coram venerabilibus viris decano et capitulo ecclesiæ cathedralis Wellensis in domo capitulari expeditorum, incipiens A.D. 1571°, *tempore Johannis Dane, notarii publici, actorum hujusmodi scribæ et clerici capitularis, usque ad mensem Maii,* 1599.—*fo.* 1.*

1571–2, March 3.—Mr. John Rugge, archdeacon of Wells and prebendary of Huish and South Brent, admitted a canon residentiary.

1571–2, March 4.—The chapter casts lots for the apportionment among themselves of the chapter patronage.

1572, March 31.—George Deane admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.

1572, April 24.—John Rugge, archdeacon of Wells, Awdrian Hawthorne, the chancellor, Philip Bisse, sub-dean, and Walter Bower, canon residentiary, appointed proctors of the dean and chapter for the convocation to be held at St. Paul's, London, on May 9.

1572, June 10.—Grant by Gilbert, bishop of Bath and Wells, of the office of chief steward of all hundreds, lordships, manors, lands and tenements, in Somerset and elsewhere in the realm of England, belonging to the bishopric, to Hugh Pallett [*sic*], knight, and Amizius Paulett [Pawlet, *in margin*], esq., his son and heir apparent, with a yearly fee of 20 marks issuing from the manor of Charde.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 3.]

1572, July 1.—Thomas Bailie, the treasurer, appointed steward.—*fo.* 1.

1572, Aug. 2.—Grant to John Buller of Lyledon, Somerset, esq., of the wardship and marriage of Thomas, son and heir of John Fuliams, deceased, who held of the dean and chapter certain lands and tenements in Saltmore, as of the manor of Northcurrie.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 5.]

1572–1573.

1572, Sept. 30.—Confirmation by the dean and chapter of an annuity of 20 marks granted by Bishop Gilbert [Berkeley] to Hugh Pawlet, knt., and Amisius Pawlet, esq.—*fo.* 1*d.*

Thomas Golde admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 2.

* The Chapter Act Book marked H begins here.

1572–1573.

1572, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :
Auditors : Philip Bisse and Walter Bower.
Master of the fabric : William Austin.
Librarian : William Austin.
Communar : John Dane.
Surveyors of houses : William Austin and John Dane.
Bailiff of the canons' barn and cursor : Thomas Zayer.
Tabellar : Robert Tanner.

1572, Nov. 19.—Order "that the plate that beforetime were used to superstition shalbe defaced, and of the greatest challaice shalbe made a fayer communion cuppe, with as muche convenient speede as maye be before the feaste of Easter, and of the lesser challaice another, by the tyme before limited."

1572, Dec. 22.—Lease from Walter Baylye, M.D., prebendary of the prebend of Dultingcot, to Thomas Collyns, register to the archdeacon of Berkshire, for 21 years, of the manor of Tyngerst *alias* Fingest, co. Bucks, and the advowson of the rectory of Tyngerst, with power to cut woods and underwoods; rent 18*l.*—[Ledger F; at beginning, not paged.]

1572–3, March 11.—Grant by the chapter to Bishop Gilbert of 12*l.* a year for the term of his episcopate, under the name of quotidians.—*fo.* 2*d.*

1573–1574.

1573, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :
Auditors : Philip Bisse and Walter Bower.
Master of the fabric : Adrian Hawthorne.
Communar : John Dane.
Surveyors of houses : Thomas Baylie and John Bridgewater.
Bailiff and cursor : Thomas Zayer.
Tabellar : Oliver Peerse.
Escheator : John Dane.

1573, Sept. 30.—John Mullins appeared before the chapter and agreed to relinquish all claim to certain lands in Whitechurch, "if it be confessed and found by t'homage of Whitechurche, or by the moste parte of them, that Robarte Warram was at any time heretofore taken and sworne tenaunte to the grounde and pasture called," etc.—*fo.* 3.

1573, Oct. 12.—Right honorable, oure humble duties unto your good lordshipp remembride, yt may please the same to be advertisyd that wheras owt of the deanrie of Wells ther are manie stipendes and other duties quarterlie to be paide unto the poore ministers of our churche of Welles and others, which, sins the decease of Mr. Weston, late deane, remayne

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unpaide, to sutche hinderans of the saide poore mynisters and others that they shall not be able eyther to discharge ther duties to the quene's majestie, eyther to supplie ther owne necessities. We are moste humblie to sue unto youre good lordshippe, that duringe the vacation of the saide deanrie, sutche order maie be taken by youre lordshippe's direction that the poore men's wante maie be relyvyde, as yt pleaside the late lorde treasurer to consider uppon like occasion offered, by his honor's letters directid unto certaine of oure chapter. Thus, as alwayes, we remayne bounde to praie for the continuans and increase of youre lordshippe's honore. Welles, the xijth of October.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 7.]

1573–4, March 2.—Valentine Dale, LL.D., the dean, admitted a canon residentiary upon paying 100*l.* caution money.—*fo.* 3*d.*

William Pannell admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.

1574, June 2.—Thomas Langham, vicar-choral, for divers offences committed by him as well within the church as without, was deprived of his commons for a month, and assigned the sacrist's place in the choir until further order.

1574, June 3.—William Watkinson admitted a canon, and installed in the prebend of Milverton II.

Thomas Langham's punishment was remitted, subject to his good behaviour.—*fo.* 4.

1574, July 1.—The chapter decree that the office of steward shall not be held for more than two years by the same person.

1574, Aug. 29, Sept. 6.—Tobias Mathews, S.T.P., admitted a canon and installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe IX, pursuant to mandate of the bishop ; he was admitted a canon residentiary on undertaking to deposit the usual caution money.

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1574, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :
Steward : Walter Bower.—*fo.* 4*d.*
Auditors : Philip Bisse and John Bridgewater.
Master of the fabric : Adrian Hawthorne.
Communar : John Dane.
Surveyors of houses : Walter Bower and William Austin.
Bailiff and cursor : Thomas Zayer.
Tabellar : Oliver Peerse.
Escheator : John Dane.

1574, Dec. 1.—Decreed that if any of the vicars shall frequent the city, and there play unlawful games, such as hand-ball [*pila palmaria*] and the like, he shall be suspended and shall

forfeit his allowances for one week for the first offence, for a fortnight for the second offence, for a month for the third offence, and after that may be expelled for a further offence ; because scandal has been incurred by the church through their frequenting such unlawful games.

1574–5, Jan. 9.—John Fisher admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 5.

1574–5, Jan. 20.—John Amerye is called upon to show cause before the chapter why he should not be expelled, for having struck with a dagger one of the brethren in the churchyard of the cathedral. He answers that he is not a vicar-choral and not under the chapter's jurisdiction ; he is therefore dismissed, and leaves the cathedral at once.—*fo.* 5*d.*

1575, April 1.—My lorde bishoppe—being moved by Mr. Bisse and Mr. Bower, in the preasance of the residue of the chapter, to geve his resolute awnswere concerninge the determination of the lordes of the counsell to gratyfye the Lorde Seymer in one of these three, viz : eyther to make the lease of the manner of Buckland worthe one thousand markes unto the said Lorde Seymer, or ells to geve him one hundreth pounds by the yere out of the manner of Banwell for the terme of xxj yeres, or ells to graunte the whole manner reserving to him and his successors fiftye pounds yerelye over and above the rente allready reserved—made awnswere that he woulde doe no otherwyse then allreadye he had donne, for that he had therin both satisfied her majestie's letters and allso the lordes of the counsell.

1575, April 30.—Sampson Newton installed in the prebend of Combe XI, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1575, Sept. 9.—After our hartie commendacions. Wheras by sondrie informacions we are geven to understande that within the cathedrall churches of this realme divers abuses have ben and are dailie committed in demisinge, makinge and confirminge of leases of landes, etc., apperteyninge to churches, by the deanes and chapter in hugger mugger, some fewe of the residenciaries beinge onlie presente, wherin greate partiallities and corruptions are used, and the benefitt of the landes not employed to suche good uses as they were ordeyned for, but to some private men's gaines and comodities ; wherby the preachinge of trewe religion, the maintenance of scholes and skollers, and kepinge of hospitalitie beginethe greatlie to decaie. For redresse of thes disorders (as apperteynethe to our dewties) we have thought good, not onlie to signifie unto youe the greate greef which wee have conceaved uppon the hearinge of thes reportes, thinckinge that youe woulde never have geven anie occasion of the same ; but alsoe, as

earnestlie as we cane, to require youe to see this faulte amended, and to have a dewe regarde that the anciente order, appointinge in all cathedrall churches certen usuall and solempne chapter daies for suche purposes, maie be herafter inviolablie observed, and noe suche grauntes or confirmacions passe but [at] those times onlie, when all your resident prebendaries shalbe presente and yelde ther consent therto, in more orderlie sorte then thorowghe your negligence hathe been hertofore accustomed. And soe, desiringe youe hereof in anie wise not to faile, [we] bid youe farwell. From Woodstocke, the ixth of September, anno 1575.

Your loving frindes,

W. Burleygh.	A. Warwyck.
F. Bedford.	Ro. Leycester.
Francis Knollys.	James Croft.
Th. Smyth.	Francis Walsyngham.

To our lovinge frindes the deane, sub-deane and chapter of Bath and Wellz.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 28.]

1575, Sept. 9.—After our hartie commendacions to your lordship. Amongeste sondrie disorders imputed to the clergie of this realme, wherby yt ys supposed that the worde of God ys not soe duelie preached for the instruccion of men's sooles and reformacion of ille manners as it owghte, this is thoughte not to be the leaste, that withowte consideracion of the learninge and honestie of the parties presented, indifferentlie all men are admitted by the ordinaries to places of the ministeries, which are farr unfitt and unable to discharge the same. And althoughe we colde wishe that in everie parishe of this realme this faulte wer amended, and more regarde had to the qualities and sufficiency of the persons to be receaved into that function then generallie hathe benne heretofore : yet, seinge all cannot be at once reformed, wee thinke yt not fitt in anie wise that suche an abuse shoulde crepe into anie cathedrall churche of this realme, appointed by the founders to be colleges and conventz of grave and lerned men and such as hadd taken degree in schole and were able accordinge to their place and callinge to preach trewe and sownde doctryn. And therfor we have thowght convenient befor hand to geve yow warninge therof, that none be by yow admitted to be prebendaries residentiaries in that your church which shall not be well knowen in doctrin and lif to be mete for the same ; and further, in degree of schole to be at the least a master of arte or bacheler of divinitie or lawe. And so are we enformed that, by an auncient order from the late kinge Henry the viijth of famous memorye, yow were appoynted to admitt persons thus qualified, and none elles, which godlie and politicke order, discontinewed perhaps for a time by negligence, we thinke worthie to be revived amongeste youe, and therfore shall desire your lordship that, bothe for the better advauncemente

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of God's glorie, and for the reputacion of your churche, yt maie be inviolably observed and continewed still, as wee truste yt shall. And so [we] bid your good lordship righte hartelie farwell. Frome Woodstocke, the ixth of September, 1575.

Your lordship's lovinge frindes,

W. Burleygh.	Ambrose Warwick.
Ro. Leycester.	Francis Bedford.
Francis Knowlles.	James Crofte.
Tho. Smyth.	Francis Walsingham.

To our lovinge frindes, the lord busshop, the deane, subdean and chapter of Bath and Wellz.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 28*d.*]

1575–1576.

1575, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :—
Auditors : Adrian Hawthorne and Philip Bisse.—*fo.* 6.
Master of the fabric : Adrian Hawthorne.
Communar : John Dane.
Surveyors of houses : Walter Bower and William Austin.
Bailiff and cursor : Thomas Sayer.
Tabellar : Robert Tanner.
Escheator : John Dane.

1575, Oct. 1.—The chancellor is ordered by the chapter to collect together the books of registers belonging to them, and John Rugge, archdeacon of Wells, late chapter clerk, is to give up those in his possession.—*fo.* 6*d.*

1575, Oct. 11.—*S.P. in domino Jesu.* As I was ever to hope well of your particuler good willes, for the sondrie courtesies receaved at your handes, soe ys it almoste a yere sithence your generall frendlie affections appered towardes me by settinge downe your handes to a decree for my residence in your churche, befor anie other man, and at what time I convenientlie maie come amongest youe. And albeit I take myselfe muche beholden unto youe all for the substance of the benefitt that maie growe therby, yet I ever did, and doe still, make greater accounte of the opportunitie which it liked you by common consente to referr unto me withowt limitacion, wherin I minde not [to] abuse your gentillnes, soe beinge geven to understande that a rumour hathe benn uncerteynlie spred, but certenlie beleved, that I have latlie yelded the commoditie of that entrance unto another : I coulde not eyther in discrecion or honestie but bothe signifie my purpose to be farr from anie suche meaninge, and praie withall the continuance of your frendshipes all, that I maie with effecte reape the frute of that order taken, wherunto I shall, God willinge, with as good spede enhable myscalfe as possiblie I maie ; and had ere this tendred my caution amonge youe, had I not bothe bene distitute of an howse and bene driven

to susteine greater extraordinarie charges then eyther I loked for or am well able to spare. Wherof I trust youe will have suche consideracion that noe man lesse worthie, thoughe more readie, then I, shall slilie prevente eyther my purpose or your promise: for, assure your selves, youe shall bestowe that place uppon noe man in this lande that shalbe more willinge to his power then I am, eyther more diligentlie to teache the people, ore more sufficientlie to spende that I have, or mor quietlie to live amonge my brethren, or more carefullie to kepe that churche in the state I finde hit, wherin I had a greate parte of mine educacion, and wherto I holde myselfe moste depelie bounden. And even soe referringe all other circumstances to your grave consideracion, with my manie most hartie thankes, I betake my cause to your constancie, my selfe to your commaundementes, and youe all to God. Sarum, xj° Octobris, 1575.

Your w. assured in Christ,
TOBIE MATHEWE.

To the right worshipfull, my verie loving frindes, Mr. subdeane and the chapter of the cathedral churche of Wellz.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 29*d.*]

1575, Oct. 24.—The members of the chapter give their opinions separately upon the case of Mr. Newton. Mr. John Rugge and Mr. William Austin say "that forasmuche as there was read in the chapter by Mr. Philip Bisse, the sub-dean, an acte whereby Mr. Carewe was admitted into residence by letters of recommendation from King Henrye the eighte to the dean and chapter directed, they thinke that it is in dewtye belonginge to the chapter yeven so to think of Mr. Newton, [he] being likewise recommended by the queene's magestie."—*fo.* 6*d.*

Mr. Philip Bisse, Adrian Hawthorne, Thomas Baylie and Walter Bower "do saye that they will deliberat for his admission untill it be knowen or considered what efficacye or force the statute of Kinge Henrye the eighte, of famouse memorye, is touchinge that matter; and further, forasmuch as Mr. Jurye and Mr. FitzJames were admitted accordinge to the saide statute, as appeareth by the severall acts of their admission, they thinke that Mr. Carewe beinge admitted shortlye after them and recommended to the chapter by the king's letters, the chapter was dispenside withall touchynge that statute made to the contrarye in that behalf, and therefore they doe still thinke that the saide statute doth stand and remaine in his full force and strength, and that they stand bounde by othe to observe the same."—*fo.* 7.

They all agree "towchinge Mr. Secretarye Wallsingeham his letters, that it is requisite that his honour's said letters be answered and satisfied."

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1575, Dec. 26.—The chapter determine that Mr. Secretary Walsingham's letters shall be answered with as much expedition as may be, and for answer to Mr. Newton refer to the answer which they have sent to the privy council and to the secretary; "and further they thinke the chapter was dispensed withall, towchyng th'admission of Mr. Carewe."

1575, Dec. 26.—Protest by John Rugge against the admission of Prebendaries William Jones, LL.D., and Henry Slocombe, M.A., to residence in the cathedral, "for that her majestie's lettres in the favour and behoof of Mr. Sampson Newton to be admitted canon residenciary in the same cathedral churche be not yet satisfied . . . and further for that wee have an injunction from my Lorde of Bathe, that we shall not have above the number of eighte residents, which is not dissolved, nor by his lordshipe dispensed with."—*fo.* 7*d.*

Nevertheless the said William Jones and Henry Slocombe admitted to residence on deposit of 200 marks caution money, and further caution [money] for the assent and consent of the bishop, notwithstanding his injunction.

1575–6, Jan. 21.—Mr. Sampson Newton admitted a canon residentiary in obedience to the royal mandate, on deposit of 100 marks caution money.

1575–6, March 7.—Roger Goade admitted a canon, and installed by proxy in the prebend of Wedmore II, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 8.

1576, April 2.—Thomas Langham, vicar-choral, is suspended for one month, and if at the end of that time he does not acknowledge his fault with promise of amendment before the chapter and ask the company forgiveness upon his knees immediately after the first lesson in the middle of the choir, he shall be utterly "expulsed."

1576, July 2.—Adrian Hawthorne appointed steward.—*fo.* 8*d.*

1576, Sept. 23.—Henry Sotherton admitted a canon, and installed in the prebend of Wedmore III.

1576–1577.

1576, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :—
Auditors : Philip Bisse and William Jones.—*fo.* 9.
Master of the fabric : Walter Bower.
Communar : John Dane.
Surveyors of houses : William Austin and Henry Slocombe.
Tabellar : John Gybson.
Escheator : Matthew Nayler.
Bailiff and cursor : Thomas Sayer.

1576–1577.

1576, Sept. 30.—John Gibbes admitted a perpetual vicar of the New Close.

1576, Nov. 2.—George Moore admitted a perpetual vicar of the New Close.

1576–7, Feb. 23.—A protest [not recited here], received in chapter from the dean, Valentine Dale, was voted repugnant to the statutes.

1577, Aug. 13.—Paul Methwin, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe XI, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 9*d.*

1577–1578.

1577, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :—
Auditors : John Rugge and William Jones.
Baron of the exchequer : Thomas Baylie.
Master of the fabric : Sampson Newton.
Surveyors of houses : Walter Bower and William Austin.
Communar : John Dane.
Escheator : Walter Celye.
Tabellar : John Gybson.
Bailiff and cursor : Thomas Sayer.

1578, April 1.—James Estridge appointed master of the cathedral grammar school.—*fo.* 10.

1578, April 23.—Thomas Wellstede admitted a vicar-choral.

1578, July 1.—John Gilbert appointed master of the cathedral school, with a stipend of 12*l.*—*fo.* 10*d.*
Mr. John Rugge appointed steward.—*fo.* 11.

1578, July 2.—Roger Rugge admitted a perpetual vicar of the New Close.

1578, July 2.—Resolved that Mr. Estridge shall have 40*s.* for midsummer quarter for the school house.

1578, July 15.—James Hammonde admitted a perpetual vicar of the cathedral.

1578, Aug. 23.—John Farrar, M.A., installed in the prebend of Taunton.

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1578, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :—
Auditors : William Jones and Henry Slocombe.
Baron of the exchequer : Thomas Baylie.

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Master of the fabric : Henry Slocombe.
Surveyors of houses : Walter Bower and William Austin.
Communar : John Dane.
Escheator : Matthew Naylor.
Tabellar : Thomas Wellstede.
Bailiff and cursor : Thomas Sayer.

1578, Sept. 30.—A retaining fee of 40*s.* was granted to Mr. John Popham, learned in the law.—*fo.* 11*d.*

1578, Nov. 4.—John Gilberte admitted master of the cathedral school and a vicar of the cathedral, and was installed in the choir.

1578, Dec. 19.—A vicar is admonished not to leave the cathedral in service time and repair to St. Cuthbert's, but to give his attendance and service to the cathedral.

1578, Dec. 19.—Hugh Pounde admitted a perpetual vicar of the cathedral.

1578, Dec. 19.—John Gibson, vicar-choral, charged with uttering "opprobrious and threatening words against Mr. Philip Bisse, sub-dean . . . viz. that when the saide Mr. Philip Bisse did expostulate with him for omitting the Latin in the time of Divine service, he said to his company that if the said Mr. Bisse had bin out of the church and churchyard he should have known more of his mind, and let the proudest clawback of you all tell him of it;" which the said Gibson confessed. Resolved that he shall lose the benefit of his matins money by the space of one month next coming, and shall at the next chapter day before the chapter and the vicars-choral humbly upon his knee confess his fault and ask forgiveness thereof of the said Mr. Bisse.

1579, April 1.—John Gibson, vicar-choral, charged with taking from Tryeer 10*s.* for his goodwill in his admission into the room of a vicar-choral, admits that he did so; he is ordered to refund the money before Whitsuntide. He refuses to do so, and appeals to the bishop.—*fo.* 12.

1579–1580.

1579, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :—
Auditors : Philip Bisse and William Bower.
Master of the fabric : William Austin.
Surveyors of houses : William Austin and Sampson Newton.
Communar : Bartholomew Haggatt.
Escheator : Thomas Wellstede.
Tabellar : Thomas Wellstede.
Bailiff and cursor : Thomas Sayer.

1579–1580.

1579, Oct. 13.—John Rugge, archdeacon of Wells, appointed to try certain grave charges against John Saunders, canon and prebendary of Combe IV, pursuant to letters monitory of the bishop.—*fo.* 13*d.*

1580, May 26.—John Saunders appears before the chapter, and craves to be admitted a canon residentiary, and produces 100 marks caution money. Admission refused.—*fo.* 14.

1580, July 1.—Lease to Giles Wallis of Wells, pewterer, for 40 years, of two tenements under one roof in Sadler St., with a tower in the north end of them, and a tenement in New St. [near Browne's Gate, *margin*]; rents, 28*s.* 8*d.* and 6*s.* 8*d.*—[Ledger F, *fo.* 55.]

1580, July 25.—Lawrence Bodelye, M.A., admitted a canon, and installed in the prebend of Wormister, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 14*d.*

1580, Sept. 14.—Edmund Watts, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe II, pursuant to royal mandate.

1580, Sept. 24.—John Wilson installed in the prebend of Combe III, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1580–1581.

1580, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :—
Auditors : Philip Bisse and Sampson Newton.
Master of the fabric : Philip Bisse.
Surveyors of houses : William Austin and Sampson Newton.
Communar : Bartholomew Haggatt.
Bailiff and cursor : Thomas Sayer.

1580, Oct. 7.—William Banner installed in the prebend of Cudworth, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 15.

1580, Nov. 25.—A terrier of the glebe lands appertaining to the parsonage of Henstridge.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 91.]

1580–1, Jan. 2.—Thomas Goolde and Elaway Bevin, vicars-choral, not having communicated for four years, are suspended until they mend their ways.—*fo.* 15*d.*

1581, March 31.—Grant by Gilbert, bishop of Bath and Wells, to Amyas [Amizeus] Pawlett, knight, and Anthony Pawlett, esq., his son and heir apparent, of the office of chief steward of all hundreds, lordships, manors, lands, etc., belonging to the bishopric in Somerset or elsewhere within the realm of England, at a yearly fee of 20 marks issuing out of the manor of Charde. Confirmed by the chapter, April 1, 1581.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 58.]

1580–1581.

[? 1581, March 31.]—Grant by Gilbert, bishop of Bath and Wells, to Edward Barkleye, esq., Robert and Francis Barkleye, gentlemen, sons of Maurice Barkleye, knight, in succession, of the office of auditor-general of all accounts relating to the property of the bishopric, at a yearly fee of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, with 53*s.* 4*d.* for augmentation of the fee. Confirmed by the chapter, April 1, 1581.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 58*d.*]

1581, June 6.—John Haggatt installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe XV, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 17.

1581, June 9.—Lease from William Chessire, parson of the parish church of Aishburye, Berkshire, to Queen Elizabeth, in consideration and satisfaction of "certain debptes" due by him to the queen and of a sum of money paid to him, of the parsonage of Aishebury and the mansion house of the same, and all tithes, obventions, etc., from Lady-day, 1591, for 99 years, at a rent of 30*l.* to Chessire and his successors, who are to have the use, when resident, of two chambers in the said dwellinghouse, at the lower end of the hall over the buttery and the larder, and stable-room for three geldings; no oaks or great timber to be cut without license, except for repairs.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 59*d.*]

1581, July 7 and 8.—Letters from Valentine Dale and John Rugge, archdeacon of Wells, signifying their consent (at the request of Dr. Baylye, it being to his benefit) to the confirmation of the above lease by the dean and chapter. Confirmed by the bishop and by the dean and chapter, July 15, 1581.—[Ledger F. *fo.* 59*d.*]

1581–1582.

1581, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :—
Auditors : Philip Bisse and Sampson Newton.—*fo.* 17.
Master of the fabric : Philip Bisse.
Surveyors of houses : William Austin and Sampson Newton.
Communar : Bartholomew Haggatt.
Escheator : Thomas Wellstede.
Tabellar : Thomas Wellstede.
Bailiff and cursor : Thomas Sayer.

1582, April 2.—Ten wagon loads of freestone out of the camery are given to Bartholomew Haggatt.—*fo.* 18*d.*

1582, June 8.—John Lancaster, B.A., installed in the prebend of Cudworth, pursuant to mandate of William Aubrey, vicar-general of the see of Canterbury.—*fo.* 19.

1582, Aug. 29.—Mr. John Baker, prebendary, absolved from a sentence of excommunication, on the personal petition of his proctor.—*fo.* 19*d.*

1582, Sept. 5.—A similar case.

1582–1583.

1582, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :—
Auditors : Sampson Newton and John Saunders.
Baron of the exchequer : Thomas Baylie.
Master of the fabric : William Jones.
Surveyors of houses : William Austin and William Powell.
Communar : Bartholomew Haggatt.
Escheator : Thomas Wellstede.
Tabellar : John Gibson.
Bailiff and cursor : Thomas Sayer.

1582, Oct. 1.—The chapter give to four men (named) " the benefit of the loane of the several ten pounds that is this year in their disposition." [Similar loans occur most years.]

1582, Oct. 1.—Resolved " that if any of the clerks . . . do abuse themselves in any of the masters' houses, coming thither to their meals with evil reports or by any other sinister means, that then they shall be removed from their office at the discretion of the chapter."

1582, Oct. 1.—Thomas Cooke and Dunstan Everett, present in chapter, [admonished] that from henceforth they observe this decree under the pain aforelimited, and also to give better attendance in the time of divine service.—*fo.* 20.

1582, Oct. 1.—Ninety-two days' leave of absence granted to each of the canons in residence this year.

1582–3, Feb. 20.—It is objected to the " skolemaster of the gramer skoole of Wells that he did carrye with him the children of the grammer skoole and the choristers of the said cathedral churche unto Axebridge, to playe in the parish church theare, the which hee confessed ; that thearefore the said skoolemaster the nexte chapter daye shall come into the chapter house before the deane and chapter, viz. *primo Aprilis prox.*, and submitt himself to the chapter in that behalf ; and shall farther *nomine pene pecuniarie* paye unto xxiiij of the poore people of the almshouse 2*s.*, viz. to each of them j*d.* before the next chapter day, and shall then certify the same."—*fo.* 20*d.*

1583, May 22.—A general assembly of canons, prebendaries, vicars-choral and other ministers of the church, thenceforth known as the Whitsun Visitation, was held. Some of the canons refusing to attend were pronounced contumacious.—*fo.* 21*d.*

1583, June 28.—James Bisse, M.A., admitted a canon and installed in the prebend of Warmister otherwise Luxfield, pursuant to letters mandatory of the queen.

1582–1583.

1583, July 1.—The chapter cast lots, *vulgariter nuncupatis balles*, for the apportionment of patronage. [There are many similar entries, and the result is given in each case.]

1583, July 1.—Decreed, "that in respecte that divers of the canons residentiaries . . . are some time of the yeare absente from Wells, by reason whereof the clarkes of the same cathedral church are not satisfied of their meate and drinke in their absence: It is thearfore decreed that they the saide clarkes, shall receave yearelye of the deane and chapter by the hand of their communar . . . lxvj*s.* viij*d.* a peece, to be paid at the end of every six weekes,*pro portionibus.*"—*fo.* 22.

1583, July 17.—William Stone installed by proxy in the prebend of Shalford, pursuant to mandate of William Aubrey, LL.D., vicar-general of the see of Canterbury.

1583, July 24.—James Cottington, S.T.P., installed in the office of precentor, pursuant to mandate of the dean and chapter of Canterbury.

1583, Aug.—Thomas Drope installed in the prebend of Barton, pursuant to mandate of the queen.

1583–1584.

1583, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :—
Auditors : Philip Bisse and John Saunders.—*fo.* 22*d.*
Baron of the exchequer : Thomas Baylie.
Master of the fabric : Dr. Jones.
Surveyors of houses : William Austin and John Saunders.
Communar : Bartholomew Haggatt.
Escheator : Thomas Wellstede.
Tabellar : Thomas Wellstede.
Bailiff and cursor : Thomas Sayer and Thomas Everett.

1583, Sept. 30.—James Cottington, S.T.P., admitted a canon residentiary on deposit of 100*l.* caution money.
A loan of 10*l.* each to two men for two years.
A sum of 20*s.* given to the collector of the town of Hastings.

1583, Sept. 30.—James Cottington installed in the prebend of Combe X, pursuant to mandate of the queen. Marginal note by John Dane, chapter clerk, to the effect that "this acte was done and to be entered the 29th day of September, the year above written."—*fo.* 23.

1583, Oct. 3.—Humphrey Hooper and William Taylor admitted perpetual vicars-choral.
Fifty days' leave of absence granted to canons residentiary.

1583–1584.

1583, Dec. 1.—William Powell, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Wormister, pursuant to mandate of John [Whitgift], archbishop of Canterbury.—*fo.* 23*d.*

1583–4, March 20.—Samuel Jennings admitted a canon and installed in the prebend of Wedmore IV, pursuant to the like mandate.—*fo.* 24.

1584, April 1.—Lease to Alice, John and Mary, son and daughters of Thomas Ploweman *alias* Lawrence, late of Wells, deceased, for their lives, of a messuage and garden in a street of Wells called " by Eastewalles "; rent 8*s.*; lessees to do suit of court at Cannon Barne.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 65*d.*]

1584, April 7.—William Powell installed in the archdeaconry of Bath, pursuant to mandate of the archbishop.—*fo.* 24.

1584, June 6.—John Borne installed in the office of treasurer, pursuant to mandate of the queen and the archbishop of Canterbury.—*fo.* 25.

1584, July 16.—John Borne installed in the prebend of Combe XIII, pursuant to mandate of the archbishop.—*fo.* 26.

1584, July 25.—Elizabeth R. By the queene. Trustie and welbeloved, wee greete you well. And wheareas the bishoppricke of Bath and Welles is at this presente voide by the deathe of the laste incumbente of the same, wee lett you weete that, callinge to our remembrance the vertue, learninge, and other godlye giftes of our trustye and welbeloved Mr. Thomas Godwyn, doctor of divinitie, now deane of our cathedrall and metropoliticall churche of Canterburye, wee have thoughte good by thease our letters to name and recomende him unto you to bee chosen to the saide bishopricke of Bath and Welles. Whearefore wee praye and requier you, forthewith uppon the receipte heareof, to procede to your elecceion, accordinge to the lawes and our *congie deslier* sente unto you hearewith; and the same eleccion soe made to certifie unto us under your common seale accordinglye. Given under our signett, at the mannor of Nonesuche, the xxvth daye of Julye, in the sixe and twentithe yeare of our raigne, 1584.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 69*d.*]

1584, July 26.—Letter from Valentine Dale, urging speed in the election of Dr. Godwyn, " whome her majestie doth speciallie favor."—[Ledger F, *fo.* 69*d.*]

1584, July 27.—License from the queen for the election of a bishop. By writ of privy seal.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 69.]

1583–1584.

1584, Aug. 5.—Royal license to proceed to the election of a bishop received, and published accordingly.—*fo.* 26.

1584, Aug. 10.—Thomas Godwin unanimously elected bishop of Bath and Wells, pursuant to the *congé d'élire.*

1584–1585.

1584, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :—
Auditors : Philip Bisse and John Saunders.
Baron of the exchequer : William Austin.
Master of the fabric : James Cottington.
Surveyors of houses : William Austin and Sampson Newton.
Communar : Bartholomew Haggatt.
Escheator : Thomas Wellstede.
Bailiff and cursor : Thomas Sayer.

1584–5, Jan. 2.—Ordered that "one brace of fatt bucks of this next season to be dilivered and divided to and amongst those canons resident which are now present in chapter, viz. Mr. Bisse, Mr. Austin, Mr. Jones, Mr. Newton and Mr. Saunders." —*fo.* 28*d.*

1584–5, Jan. 16.—Granted to Dr. Bysse, Dr. Cottyngton and Mr. Powell, so many days of grace, *sine fructu,* as the parliament shall continue this next sessions, and six days more in coming and going.—*fo.* 29.

1584–5, Jan. 20.—Grant by Thomas [Godwyn], bishop of Bath and Wells, to Richard Sleythurste, M.D., for life, for his good and faithful counsel heretofore done and hereafter to be done, of an annuity of 4 marks, issuing out of the manor of Wells, with power of distress.
Confirmed by the dean and chapter, July 1.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 84.]

1585, March 29.—Francis Godwin, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe VII, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 29*d.*

1585, March 31.—James Bisse, M.A., installed in the office of sub-dean of the cathedral, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1585, June 2.—James Bisse, sub-dean, admitted a canon residentiary, on deposit of 100 marks caution money.—*fo.* 30.

1585, June 13.—John Wolley to the dean and chapter. After my verye hartie commendacions. Her majestie hath beene of late enformed that my lorde bysshoppe of that see hath made a lease to his sonne of the mannor of Wivelscombe

or some good parte thereof, for which he had beene before written unto by her majestie in the behalf of Sir Walter Rawley, a gentleman of principall accompte and service aboute her; which dealinge, as her highnes hathe good cause to mislike withall, for as muche as the bysshoppe by his letters protested he coulde not with good conscience lease the same, without allmoste the ruine of the same see, soe hath her majestie expresselye commaunded me to signifie her good likinge of your denialls to confirme the same by your chapiter seale unto him, requiringe you not onlie to persiste in the same deniall (yf happelye he urge you further to the confirmacion thereof), but allso to refraine from the confirminge of any other lease to be made by the bysshoppe for his benefitt, till her pleasure be farther knowen and her highnes' signified unto you to doe the same. Which her majestie's good pleasure she willed me, from her owne mouthe, by these letters to make knowen unto you. And soe I bid you hartelie farewell. From the courte at Greenewiche.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 74*d.*]

1585, July 1.—Lease to George Upton of Wells, esq., for three lives, of the rectory called Cannon Barne (see below, *p.* 309); rent 40*l.*—[Ledger F, *fo.* 73.]

1585, July 1.—Lease to George Upton, for 40 years, of the tower commonly called Browne's Gate, in Sadlers Street; rent 2*s.*—[Ledger F, *fo.* 73*d.*]

1585, July 1.—Lease to Edmond Bower of Wells, gent., for 40 years, of two tenements under one roof in Sadlers Street, having on the north end of the said houses or tenements a tower commonly called Browne's Gate. Lessee to do suit of court twice a year at Cannon Barne.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 74*d.*]

1585–1586.

1585, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :—
Auditors : William Jones and Sampson Newton.
Baron of the exchequer : Philip Bisse.
Master of the fabric : James Cottington.
Surveyors of houses : John Saunders and William Austin.
Communar : Bartholomew Haggatt.
Escheator : Hooper.
Tabellar : John Sparke.
Bailiff and cursor : Thomas Sayer.

1585, Oct. 1.—Eighty days' leave of absence granted to all canons in residence.—*fo.* 32.

1585, Oct. 6.—Robert Marwood admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.

1585–1586.

1585, Oct. 28.—Note of a controversy between the dean [Valentine Dale] and the chapter, pending which the dean's allowances are stayed. Ordered that henceforth no allowances shall be given to the dean otherwise than as he shall keep his residence.

1585, Nov. 4.—Lease by Thomas [Godwyn], bishop of Bath and Wells, to Queen Elizabeth, for 99 years, of the manor of Wivellscombe *alias* Willscombe ; rent 80*l.*
Confirmed by the chapter, July 1.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 86*d.*]

1585–6, Feb. 4.—Francis Alforde installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe IX, pursuant to mandate of the bishop. —*fo.* 33.

1586, April 1.—Thomas Everett, the sacrist, is removed from office for negligence, in that he had left the keys of the treasury for several days in the clock-house, a place of common resort, so the treasury had been robbed of the chapter seal, plate and money.—*fo.* 33*d.*

1586, May 25.—Ordered that no more stones be given or sold out of the camery, and that they be used only for repairs to the cathedral and the canonical houses.—*fo.* 34.

1586, June —.—Deed poll of the dean and chapter, reciting that their common or capitular seal had lately been stolen from the church, whereby their necessary business concerning the chapter and the church could not be proceeded with ; in order that a new common seal might be made and authorised, James Bysse, sub-dean (*decano absente*), and the chapter, have appointed Dr. James Cottingeton, their proctor and agent, to confer and act with Dr. Valentine Dale, the dean, as to making a new common or chapter seal, and generally in the matter. Sealed with the *sigillum ad causas*.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 83.]

1586, July 1.—The chapter approve of a new common seal, which is thus described : *Sigillum argenteum forma inter rotundum et oblongum, impressione imaginis cum cruce transversa, hiis caracteribus viz : Sigillum Decani et Capituli Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Wellensis Anno Domini* 1586.—*fo.* 34*d.*
Thomas Saunders elected steward.—*fo.* 35.

1586, July 1.—Lease to George Upton of Wells, esq., for 3 lives, of all that the rectory and parsonage of Wells, called Canon Barne, with a barton to the same belonging of both sides of the grange, and all tithes of grain, hay and mills ; except and reserved all perquisites of court, fines, heriots, reliefs, escheats, marriages, etc., prison and poundfold, and the advowson of the vicarage of St. Cuthbert's, and "the

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usuall and accustomed place for the officers and ministers of the saide deane and chapter to kepe courte as often as neede shall requier." Rent 40*l.* Lessee to repair all buildings, including the barn called Canon Barne.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 83.]

1586–1587.

1586, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :—
Auditors : James Bisse and John Saunders.
Baron of the exchequer : Philip Bisse.
Master of the fabric : William Powell.
Surveyors of houses : William Jones and Sampson Newton.
Communar : Bartholomew Haggatt.
Escheator : Thomas Wellstede.
Tabellar : John Sparke.
Bailiff and cursor : Thomas Sayer.

1586, Oct. 1.—Philip Bisse, James Cottington and William Powell are appointed proctors for the chapter at the next convocation.—*fo.* 35*d.*

Timothy Greene, John Clarke and Thomas Boyce admitted perpetual vicars-choral of the New Close.

1586, Oct. 29.—John Castell appointed sacrist.

1586, Nov. 22.—Abraham Conham installed in the prebend of Illton, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 37.

1586–7, Jan. 2.—Robert Godwin installed in the prebend of Combe VIII, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1586–7, March 1.—It is objected against William Gale that, in spite of the order "that he shoulde from henceforth better behave himself in his demeanour in amendmente of his lose and lycentiouse life, *nihilominus prefatus* Gale did openlie, in disguised order, in the companie of others, goe in a maske, with a visarde uppon his face, into the parishe of Pilton, and from thence to Croscombe, to the evil example of others servinge in the same church." He confessed that it was true. It was ordered "that hee shoulde goe presentlie in the Canon Barne, and there continewe in fastinge and prayer untill he weare by the deane and chapter againe remitted ; and then, viz : *primo die Aprilis prox.*, hee shall come into the chapter house, and openlie uppon his knees confesse his faulte before the chapter, and aske them forgivenes ; and soe the next Sundaie then followinge, openlie in the quier make his repayer to everye of the masters severallie, and crave forgivenes at their hands ; and after he shall goe to everie of the vicars-chorall and clarkes of the same cathedral church in the quier at service time, and will them all to take exsample by him." —*fo.* 40.

1586–1587.

1587, April 1.—Because Mr. Paul Methuen, prebendary of Combe XI, hath, as much as in him lieth, defrauded the cathedral church and choristers of their revenues, all capitular acts hitherto made in his favour are revoked.

Mr. Francis Godwin, prebendary of St. Decuman, is admitted a canon residentiary, having produced a dispensation from the bishop from the order made limiting the number of such canons.

1587, April 3.—St. Cuthbert's vicarage, Wells, is sequestrated for arrears of the pension due to the dean and chapter.

Ordered "that every of the canons residentiary shall once every year minister the communion in their own persons within the cathedral church, and that the monethlie communions shalbe alwaies ministered by a chanon residente, if anie one bee present within the towne at that time; and that hee whiche shall soe minister shall likewise execute the whole service for that fore none. And this is to bee done *sub pena per capitulum infligenda*. And the *hebdomadarius* for that weeke shall assiste the chanon in his ministratione."—*fo.* 41.

1587, April 14.—William Wickham, M.A., installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe VII, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 41*d*.

1587, May 3.—Dr. Powell is directed "to take order for the placing and settling of the great bell in such manner form and in such place as to him shalbee thoughte conveniente. . . . The fragments of mettall remaining of the bell to be sold . . . towards the use and repairing of the church."—*fo.* 42.

1587, May 13.—Dr. Powell, master of the fabric, shall procure to be repaired and made ready the great chest remaining in the treasure-house, bound with iron, and the casket within the same, with sufficient locks and keys, for the placing and keeping therein of the chapter seal.—*fo.* 41*d*.

1587, July 1.—It is decreed "that in respect that the choristers shall from henceforth remayne at home the usuall festivall dayes, [they] shall have allowed them quarterlie xx*s*., to be paid by the communar."—*fo.* 42*d*.

1587, Sept. 23.—The decree touching the payment of the dean's quotidians, on *fo.* 32, [*ante*, *p.* 309], is annulled.—*fo.* 43.

1587, Sept. 28.—Lease from Thomas [Godwyn], the bishop, to Thomas Godwyn and Thomas Purefey of Wells, gent., for 21 years, of the manor house, site of the manor, and manor of Bucklande *alias* Bockeland, etc.; rent 48*l*.

Confirmed by the chapter, Oct. 2.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 95*d*.]

1587–1588.

1587, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :—*fo.* 43.
Auditors : James Cottington and William Powell.
Baron of the exchequer : Philip Bisse.
Master of the fabric : William Powell.
Surveyors of houses : John Bourne and James Bisse.
Communar : Bartholomew Haggatt.
Escheator : Hugh Pounde.
Tabellar : Gibson.
Bailiff and cursor : Thomas Sayer.

1587, Oct. 2.—Francis Godwin, prebendary of St. Decuman's, admitted a canon residentiary, pursuant to mandate of the bishop, upon deposit of the usual caution money. Leave of absence for 92 days was granted to each of the canons in residence.—*fo.* 43*d.*

1587, Dec. 30.—Lease from Thomas [Godwyn], the bishop, to Thomas Godwyn, and Thomas Purefey of Banwell, gentlemen, for 21 years, of the parsonage or rectory of Corston, with the mansion place and all houses, lands, tithes, etc., thereto belonging ; rent 40*s.* Also 4 grist mills in Wells, commonly called the Town Mills or "the In Milles and out Milles ;" rent 24*l.* Also 19 acres of meadow within the manor of Banwell in a place called Whaye weeke, and 4 acres in Westgarston in Banwell ; rent 35*s.*
Confirmed by the chapter, January 2, 1587–8.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 96*d.*]

1587–8, Feb. 16.—An agreement between Dr. Powell and the bell-founder, Joseph Carter of Reding, touching the new casting of the great bell "Horwell," is confirmed.—*fo.* 46.

1588, May 31.—Edward Tyns admitted a canon, and installed in the prebend of Combe XV, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 47.

1588, July 1.—James Cottington appointed steward.—*fo.* 48.

Accounts of William Powell, S.T.P., keeper of the fabric, 1587–88.

Receipts : 6*s.* 8*d.* for the burial of Dr. Hewes.
Payments : 4*s.* for the wages of the "doggdriver."

Accounts of Bartholomew Haggatt, the communar, 1587–88.

Payments : 10*l.* to Thomas Marist, the schoolmaster; 40*s.* to John Clerke, the keeper of the organs ; 20*l.* to Matthew Jefferies, master of the choristers.

1588–1589.

1588, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :—*fo.* 48.
Auditors : James Bisse and William Powell.
Baron of the exchequer : Philip Bisse.
Master of the fabric : John Bourne.
Surveyors of houses : [John] Saunders and Francis Godwin.
Communar : Bartholomew Haggatt.
Escheator : Hugh Pounde.
Tabellar : Wellstede.
Bailiff and cursor : Thomas Sayer.

1588, Oct. 1.—Edmund Wattes admitted a canon residentiary, having deposited his caution money on April 1.—*fo.* 49.

1588, Oct. 19.—Thomas Jones, M.A., installed in the prebend of Bucklandinham, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 49*d.*

1588, Oct. 24.—Dr. Valentine Dale to the chapter. After my hartie commendacions. Uppon the apparance of Mr. Wattes before my L. grace, I was contented to give my consent that the saide Mr. Wattes should bee admitted residensarie of new from this tyme, without anie prejudice of such quotidians as are growen unto him due since his former admission ; whereof att his request I thought good to advertice you, not mindinge therebie to allowe of his former admission without my consent. And thus I committ you to Allmightie God. Att London.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 107*d.*]

1588–9, Jan. 2.—John Hulett, vicar-choral, sought permission to reside at court, pursuant to an appointment made by the council of the queen. The chapter offer him an additional stipend of 40*s.* a year to remain in residence at Wells ; but if he determines to attend on her majesty's service at court, they will continue to pay him his present stipend, if he will give the residue of his time to the church of Wells.—*fo.* 50*d.*

1588–9, Jan. 3.—John Saunders, convicted of converting fines and heriots belonging to the chapter to his own use, was ordered to pay the amount thereof to the communar and 20*s.* to John Castell before Jan. 14, in the meantime forfeiting all his allowances ; if he shall make default, he is to forfeit all his allowances until Oct. 1.—*fo.* 51.

Resolved, that if any canon resident do from henceforth take up any fine or fines, rent or rents, due to the dean and chapter, and payable to them or to their communar, that then every such canon or canons so offending shall lose his whole dividend for that year in which he so offendeth.

1588–1589.

1588–9, Jan. 6.—Thomas Wellsteede, vicar-choral, convicted of solemnizing a clandestine marriage in the house of Elizabeth Bayley in the city of Wells contrary to the constitutions and canons of the realm, was suspended.

1588–9, Jan. 24.—Lease from Thomas [Godwyn], the bishop, to Francis Godwyn, canon resident, for 21 years, of a piece of ground, parcel of a certain close commonly called the Cambray, 50 yards long from the west side of the garden of William Jones, D.C.L., and 20 yards broad from the south side of the garden of the canonical and now dwelling-house of the said Francis Godwyn ; rent, 2*s*.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 121.]

1588–9, March 15.—The queen to the dean and chapter.

Elizabeth. By the quene.

Trustie and welbeloved, wee greete you well. Whereas John Pitcher, sometyme a quyrester of your churche of Wells, was from thence brought hither to serve us in the rome of a childe of our chaple, in which place he hath remayned nighe this sixe yeares, diligent in service and to our goode likinge, till nowe, that his voice begynneth to chaunge, hee is become not soe fitte for our service. And hearwithe understandinge that there is a singinge man's rome voide in the saide church, wee have thought itt meete to recommend hym unto you, to bee placed in the same, with our expresse commaundement that accordinge to the orders of your house yee doe admitte and place hym, the saide John Pitcher, into the rome of a singinge man in the saide churche, with all manner of howses, lodginges, romes, payes, duties and commodities whatsoever, to the rome of a singeinge man there appertayninge and belonginge to bee had and perceived by hym during his life, in as large and ample manner as any other singinge man there now hathe and enjoyeth for and in respect of his rome. And these our letters shalbee your sufficient warraunt and discharge in this beehalf. Given under out signett. Att our Palace of Westminster.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 113*d*.]

1588–9, March 18.—Dr. Dale to the " Prebendaries resident." After my harty commendacions. Her majestie dothe not take itt well that a boye which have benne brought uppe in our church, and one that have served in her chapple, should not bee receaved uppon my letter which I wrote unto you. Discretion would bee used in such cases, and I would bee glade to make the best of all thinges ; wee must bee advised in such cases. Yf I had written to any other church in the realme in the lieke case, her majestie should not have had made to have written her selfe in soe smalle a matter. And thus I bid you hartely farwell. Att the courte.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 113*d*.]

1588–1589.

1589, May 21.—A visitation was held by the chapter.—*fo.* 52.

1589, Sept. 3.—Humphrey Bayley admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 53.

1589, Sept. 20.—William Marston, LL.B., installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe I, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 54.

Accounts of John Bourne, keeper of the fabric, 1588–89.

Receipts: 6*s.* 8*d.* for the burial of Dr. Jones and 20*s.* his legacy.

1589–1590.

1589, Sept. 30.—Election of officers:—*fo.* 54.
Auditors: James Bisse and William Powell.
Baron of the exchequer: Philip Bisse.
Master of the fabric: John Bourne.
Surveyors of houses: Francis Godwin and Edmund Watts.
Communar: Bartholomew Haggatt.
Escheator: Hugh Pounde.
Tabellar: Thomas Goold.
Bailiff and cursor: Thomas Sayer.

1589, Oct. 1.—John Langworth, prebendary of Brent and Huishe, and archdeacon of Wells, admitted a canon residentiary.—*fo.* 54*d.*

1589, Oct. 10.—Ninety-two days' leave of absence granted to each canon in residence.—*fo.* 55*d.*

1589, Oct. 24.—John Shepperd admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.

1589, Dec. 10.—Decreed, that if Mr. Saunders, now residentiary of the church, do not satisfy and make real payment of all such sums of money as have been by him received or [he] shall be charged withal upon the determination of the account for this year past, unto the communar of the church, at or before the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle next coming, that then he thenceforth shall receive no farther commodity of the church nor have any days allowed.
Amount owing by Saunders, 63*l.* 15*s.*

1589, Dec. 20.—Francis Godwin installed in the prebend of Combe VIII, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 56*d.*
Roger Goade, S.T.D., installed by proxy in the prebend of St. Decuman's, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1589–1590.

1589, Dec. 23.—Thomas Manton, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wedmore II, pursuant to mandate of the bishop. —*fo.* 57.

1589–90, Jan. 2.—Thomas Maunton admitted a canon residentiary.—*fo.* 57*d.*

1589–90, Jan. 17.—Letters patent appointing John Herbertt, master of requests [*nobis a supplicibus libellis magistrum*] and late preacher [*oratorem*] to our most dear kinsmen, Frederic II, King of Denmark, and Stephen I, King of Poland, to the deanery of Wells.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 114*d.*]

1589–90, Jan. 29.—John Herbert installed by proxy as dean of the cathedral.—*fo.* 58.

1589–90, Feb. 20.—Matthew Sutcliffe, LL.D., installed in the prebend of Bucklandinham, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 58*d.*

1590, March 26.—Dean John Herbett [*sic*] to the chapter. My worshipfull frindes and fellowes. According to the instructions lefte withe mee by Mr. Doctor Bisse and Mr. Doctor Powell, I have moved her majestie to give her royall assente to incorporate our churche by one certaine name, and soe to endowe the same with the present revenues and to enjoye all suche immunities as presentlie wee doe. Her majestie in her princelye wisdome, as neyther unwillinge to graunte to our request, as a thinge in her justice she thought most just, nor yett willing wittinglie to give anye assente to that [which] might prejudice her royall crowne and seate, most politicquely referred the further consideracion what was to bee doune therein to the lord highe treasorer, as a man who, by vertue of his office, would carefullye foresee that nothing should passe under the veale [*sic*, ? veil] of equitye to the derogation of her princelie regality. Thereuppon I repayred to his lordship, who, after divers speaches, most honerablie endorsed the peticion in this manner—"To be considered by Mr. Atturney and Sollecitour Generale, how the colledge may bee remedeed for such imperfeccions as doe not carrie away any lands whereto her majestie hath manifest title." Soe as nowe I thinke itt very convenient that by common consente yee should appointe some two or three, with full instructions to joyne withe me from tyme to tyme untill the plott may be perfited. The fundacion ys well layde, and yf itt bee followed, itt will worke present securitie to our selves, and wee shall leave to our posteritye a perpetuall memorye that wee lived not to our selves alone, but had a speciall care of them that should followe us.

I ame sorie I coulde not have most oportunitye att this tyme to repaire to you as I determined. My fellow,

1589–1590.

Mr. Awbrey, hath obtayned leave to goe to Glocestresheare, to settle his things, and bothe may not be awaye. Butt, bee where I ame, I will assente to further anie good action you shall take in hande. The good acceptacioun you have made of my last request, touching my residence, th'enjoying of my porcion of dividenttes and quotidans for this yeare, thereby not to prejudice your usuall kinde of acceptance, I doe very well like, and thinke myself behoulding to you for the same, and must approve your wise and circumspect dealing therein, and esteme of you as carefull men and frindlie to pleasure me. And yett, to prevent any inconvenience that might ensue thereof, and to th'end your frindlie acceptacion might take full effectt, I have sent John Jones, the bearer heareof, to deliver unto you the hundred poundes due for my caucion, according to the usuall manner. I praye you accept thereof as frindlie as I have willinglie sent ytt. As occasion shall serve, I praye you lett me heare from you. And soe I wishe to you as to my self. From Courte.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 119.]

1590, April 1.—The new dean's caution money, 100*l.*, received. Resolved that the dean be admitted to residence, to begin on Oct. 1 next.—*fo.* 59*d.*

Grant by the bishop to the queen confirmed by the chapter, provided the queen pay double the customary fee for the chapter seal, to wit 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Resolved, that Mr. John Rodney of Pilton, esq., shall enter into bond of 100*l.* to the bishop and his successors, with condition that the assign or assigns of the lease granted unto the queen and confirmed by the dean and chapter, shall not, under pretence of reparations of any houses or palace or what necessary reparations soever within the park or grounds in Westbury, cut down any timber trees but such as shall be allowed by the bishop or his officers.—*fo.* 60.

Resolved, that certain seats shall be made in some convenient place in the choir for the canon residentiaries' wives, and proper to them and to none others.

1590, June 26.—Thomas Walsall, B.A., installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe III, pursuant to mandate of the bishop. —*fo.* 61.

1590, June 27.—Certain of the vicars-choral protest that they do not join in the attempt of others of their body to separate themselves from the body of the dean and chapter, and ferm themselves into a "perticular bodie, contrarie to their severall othes at their admission."—*fo.* 61*d.*

1590, July 1.—James Cottington installed in the prebend of Compton Dondon, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.— *fo.* 62.

1589–1590.

1590, Aug. 1.—Lease by William Whitlocke, M.A., prebendary of the prebend of Dultingcott *alias* Dulcott, otherwise called Tingherst or Fyngest, to Michael Farrar *alias* Turnor of Great Marlow, co. Bucks, yeoman, for 21 years, of the manor of Tingeherst *alias* Fingest, co. Bucks, except the advowson of the rectory and all timber trees containing above 16 inches square ; rent 20*l.* and 26*s.* 8*d.* to the master of the fabric.

Confirmed by the bishop and the dean and chapter.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 119*d.*]

1590, Sept. 6.—William Gilbert, M.A., installed by proxy in the prebend of Wedmore IV, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 63.

1590, Sept. 27.—Appointment by the bishop of Thomas Purifie (Purefey or Purifey), gent., to the office of bishop's bailiff, to hold to him, his executors and assigns, for three lives.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Oct. 23.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 122*d.*]

1590, Sept. 27.—Appointment by the bishop of Gilbert Bourne, LL.D., to the office of vicar general *in spiritualibus*, to hold by himself, his deputy or surrogate, for life, with the accustomed wages and profits.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, Oct. 23.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 123*d.*]

1590, Sept. 28.—Paul Methwyn installed in the prebend of Combe X, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 63*d.*

Anthony Methwyn installed in the prebend of Combe XI, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

Accounts of John Bourne, keeper of the fabric, 1589–90.

Receipts : 6*s.* 8*d.* for the burial of Dr. Daye.

1590–1591.

1590, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :—*fo.* 63*d.*

Auditors : John Bourne and James Bisse.
Baron of the exchequer : William Powell.
Master of the fabric : James Bisse.
Surveyors of houses : [John] Saunders and Edmund Watts.
Communar : Philip Bisse.
Escheator : Hugh Pounde.
Tabellar : Humphrey Bayley.
Bailiff and cursor : Thomas Sayer.

1590, Oct. 1.—Nicholas Clune admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 64*d.*

John Harbert, the dean, admitted a canon residentiary.

1590–1591.

1590, Oct. 2.—Thomas Manton, prebendary of Wedmore II, admitted a canon residentiary.

1590, Oct. 5.—Dean Herbert to the chapter.

My good frindes and bretheren, I am glad to understande of the good discretion you used in stayinge of grauntes and leases att this your last chapter daye, thoughe for my owne parte I was persuaded that you would suffer nothinge to passe contrarie to the institucion of the churche, to generall prejudice of yourselves and successors. Yett to prevent the suspition that ys generallie conceaved of all churchmen, and to satisfie the present clamor that was made to her majestie, perticularlie the determinacion of this late chapter, I imparted unto you frindely myne advise. And what as then I thoughte most fitt to bee performed by you, I doe understande, by your letters and by the acttes of that last chapter daye, what due care and consideracion eache of you had thereof. Since Mr. Do. Boorne's repair hither with your letters and the coppie of the acttes, I imparted the contenttes of all to my lo. grace of Canterbury [Whitgift], to my lo. treasorer [Sir John Fortescue], and to Mr. vicechamberlayne [Hatton]. All they commended the due respecte you had of her majestie's pleasure, signified by me, and have willed me to keepe due correspondence with you, promisinge to bee ayding and assistinge to us in all due courses to the benifitt of our churche. Unyon amonge our selves maketh God and the world to favor our causes. Lett us soe continue.

I did acquaint their honors in like manner of the staye that was particularlie made of the confirmacion of the chauncellorshipp, thoughe the same was recommended by my lo. grace, by my lo. treasorer, and by the lo. cheife baron; soe did the staye of the confirmacion of the bayleyweek of Wells to Mr. Thomas Purefie, and of the receavorshipp to William Bowreman and to Thomas Godwyn, thoughe the same weare graunted before for as manie lives. Whereuppon, their honors, judgeing ytt to harde a course to inhibite the confirmacion of such usuall graunttes, permitted me to give my assente to suche as I would bee answerable to be agreable to the institucion of our churche, streightlie chargeing me not, for anie man's letters, to infringe the same; for that yett was her majestie's pleasure, that I should have an especiall care to mayntaine the state of the churche whole and entire. Whereuppon, my lo. grace especiallie recomendinge Mr. Boorne, I promised to confirme his pattent, and soe the other two pattentes he surrendred to bee assigned over to others att my lo. busshopp's disposicion and youres. Thus much I thought good to give you notice of, to th'ende Mr. Archedeacon of Taunton and Mr. Doctor Cottyngton, according to my former power given to them, may enacte and enrigester my consent thereto.

1590–1591.

And soe, redie to assist you in all I may, I commend your dealinges and myne to the direccion of th'allmightie. In hast. Winsore.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 126.]

1590, Oct. 23.—Articles agreed upon and to be performed by Thomas Purefey, gent., in consideration of which the dean and chapter have consented to confirm a patent of "the bayleyweek of the bishoprike" to him. The office is not to be assigned "to any burgiesse or burgeisses of the cyttie, burrowe or towne of Wells, nor to any other to or for the use of the saide cyttie, burrowe or towne." Purefey and his assigns shall from time to time take a corporal oath to uphold the liberties and privileges of the bishop, and shall enter into a bond for 100*l.* to the dean and chapter that he will observe these articles.

Bond for 100*l.*, same date.—[Ledger F, *fos.* 125*d*, 126.]

1590, Dec. 7.—James Bisse, sub-dean, appointed collector of the subsidy to the queen's use, pending the vacancy of the see of Bath and Wells.—*fo.* 66.

1590, Dec. 20.—Dr. Bisse to depart towards London for the expedition of the chapter's business, there to remain until the beginning of the term; if nothing can be done before that time, then to return, unless letters come from the said Dr. Bisse that further great matter shall be effected for us in the term, in which case he shall remain as long as necessary business shall require.

[Folios 67 to 71, from Dec. 20, 1590, to Aug. 20, 1591, have been cut out.]

1591, Sept. 2.—In answer to letters from [John Whitgift], archbishop of Canterbury, the chapter state that,

1. Three parts of the parsonage of Crewkerne are appropriated to the dean and chapter of Winchester, and that they therefore ought to pay any benevolence.
2. That there are no executors or administrators of the will or goods of the late Thomas [Godwyn], bishop of Bath and Wells.
3. That no commission to collect a benevolence has been directed to the chapter of Wells.—*fo.* 72.

Communar's accounts, 1590–91.

Payments: 10*l.* to Thomas Merist, schoolmaster; 2*l.* to John Clark, organist, and 26*s.* 8*d.* *ex gratia.*

Accounts of James Bisse, keeper of the fabric, 1590–91.

Receipts: 20*d.* for 20*lbs.* of lead; 15*s.* 6*d.* for 170*lbs.* of iron; 6*s.* 8*d.* for the burial of John Dane, and 6*s.* 8*d.* for John Tayler, vicar; legacies, 10*s.* each from William Nurton and William Bowerman.

1591–1592.

1591, Sept. 30.—Election of officers :—
Auditors : James Cottington and John Langworthe.
Baron of the exchequer : William Powell.
Master of the fabric : James Bisse.
Surveyors of houses : Thomas Manton and Francis Godwin.
Communar : Philip Bisse.
Escheator : Hugh Pounde.
Tabellar : Marwood.
Bailiff and cursor : William Sawier.

1591, Oct. 1.—Ninety-two days' leave of absence granted to each canon in residence.—*fo.* 73.

A yearly pension of 40*s.* granted to Thomas Willmott of Dinder, "to the end that he shall keep the clock and chimes in all iron and wire work yearly, at his own proper cost and charges."

1591, Nov. 5.—Roger Rugge, vicar-choral, admonished "that before the first day of January next he shall surcease from keeping an alehouse and from selling of ale any longer."

1591, Nov. 25.—Letters patent of Queen Elizabeth of the new foundation of the cathedral and chapter.—[Ledger G, *pp.* 89–162.]

1591, Dec. 23.—A sentence of excommunication against Mr. W. Mosley, prebendary of Eston in Gordano, was read in the chapter.—*fo.* 73*d.*

1591–2, Jan. 3.—A similar sentence against Justinian Lancaster, prebendary of Wanstrow. Both were soon afterwards absolved.

1591–2, Jan. 4.—All the prebendaries cited to appear on April 1.—*fo.* 74.

1591–2, Jan. 14.—It is decreed "that the consistorie for the busshopp of Bath and Welles shall not hereafter be any more kept within our Ladie Chappell, nor within any other part of the cathedral church."—*fo.* 75.

1591–2, Jan. 18.—It is ordered that the chancellor may keep his court within the same place for this one time, and no longer.

John Saunders disfranchised and excluded from the chapter until Oct. 1, and deprived of the keys of the church, for having abstracted a writing relating to Ham Mills from the archives, and given it to one Elliott, to the grave prejudice of the chapter and the tenant of the mills.

1591–2, Feb. 3.—Richard Meawe admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 75*d.*

1591–1592.

1592, April 1.—Richard Mason admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.

1592, April 3.—Ordered that the consistory court be removed to the bell-tower on the north side of the church, pursuant to a letter of John [Whitgift], archbishop of Canterbury.—*fo.* 77*d.*

1592, April 6.—John Castle, the sacrist, convicted of incontinence with Elcana Potticarie, and sentenced to do public penance on the following Sunday. This sentence, however, on the culprit's humble supplication, commuted to a fine of 6*s.* 8*d.*, to be given to the poor. The sacrist resigns his office.

1592, May 27.—Justinian Lancaster again excommunicated. *fo.* 78*d.*

1592, June 10.—John Bonde installed by proxy in the prebend of Wanstraw, pursuant to mandate of the queen and the archbishop of Canterbury.—*fo.* 79.

1592, June 14.—Hugh Pounde *alias* Sugar and Thomas Wilstede convicted of divers offences and excommunicated. —*fo.* 79*d.*

1592, June 16.—Pounde absolved.

1592, June 16.—The appointment of Mr. Cadwallader Hughes by the mayor and aldermen of Bridgwater, as the preacher in their parish church, was confirmed by the chapter.

1592, June 22.—Richard Mason, vicar-choral, convicted of revealing the secrets of the chapter, and excommunicated.— *fo.* 80.

1592, July 1.—Thomas Welstede, Hugh Pounde and Richard Mason absolved, and John Saunders restored to his former status.—*fo.* 80*d.*

1592, July 3.—Ordered "that every canon resident, ether preaching in his owne course or for anie other dignitie or prebendarie in his course, shall upon everie such preachinge daye, Sondaie or other festivall daie, preach in his surplies and whoodd; and yf he shall otherwise doe, then he shall forfeit for everie such defaulte fortie shillings; . . . and the penaltie of ten shillings in like sorte to be imposed upon everie canon resident for the omitting of the mynistering the holie communion in his course."

1591–1592.

1592, July 17.—The appointment by the mayor, aldermen and burgesses of Bridgwater of Henry Attwoodd to the mastership of the grammar-school there, was confirmed by the dean and chapter, *sede vacante*. [Ledger F, *fo.* 129*d.*]—*fo.* 81.

1592, Aug. 31.—William Huishe, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wedmore II, pursuant to the queen's letters of presentation and the mandate of Philip Bisse, S.T.P., commissary of the archbishop of Canterbury.—*fo.* 82*d.*

1592, Sept. 14.—Mr. Anthony Watson, the chancellor, to the dean and chapter.

After my hartie commendacions. I understand by Mr. D. Cottyngton and Mr. D. Langworth that the schoolmaster his place in Wells was voyde, that the nominacion thereof perteyned to the chauncellor; and that Mr. Evans was a fitt and sufficient man to discharge that dewtye, when opportunitie served and the chauncellorshipp was confirmed unto me. I mad answer to their letter and satisfied their request, in nominatynge Mr. Evans schoolmaster ther. Wherwith yf all our companye rest satisfyed, the said Evans may execute his office without disturbance; but yf my good meanynge, for want of instructione, fayled in a formall and orderly procedynge, I would not have it prejudiciall or hurtfull to hym that taketh paynes in so necessarie a dewtie. And therefore I doe now nominate and present unto yow William Evans, Bachelour of Arte, to be schoolmaster in Wells, to teache in the grammer schoole, to receave all stipendes and salaries as heretofore have been accustomed to be payed unto the schoolmaster for his paynes in teachinge; desiering yow with favoure to accept this my acte, and to establishe hym in his office. Moreover, understandynge with what dewties my dignitie is charged, I have taken order that my good frendes, Mr. D. Langworth and Mr. Saunders, will see them orderlie discharged, hopinge and desieringe that yow shew me such favour therin as my predecessours usuallie receaved. Concerninge my right to the place of a residentier, there be divers reportes, wherein I will seek no other counsell or judgment but your owne frendlie and wise determynacion. Thus, ceasinge to be further trowblesome, I committ yow to the tuitione of the Almightie. From Bristoll.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 131*d.*]

1591–1592.—Communar's accounts.—Payments: 2*l.* to John Clark, organist, and 26*s.* 8*d.* *ex gratia*; 10*l.* to Thomas Merist, schoolmaster.

1591–1592.—Accounts of James Bisse, keeper of the fabric. Receipts: 9*l.* for "400 et di" [? 4½*cwt.*] of bell metal; 3*s.* 4*d.* legacy from George Durman.

1592–1593.

1592, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors: John Saunders and Francis Godwin.
Baron of the exchequer: William Powell.
Master of the fabric: William Powell.
Surveyors of houses: James Bisse and Edmund Watts.
Communar: Philip Bisse.
Escheator: Hugh Pounde.
Tabellar: Humphrey Bayley.

1592, Oct. 9.—William Evans appointed master of the cathedral grammar-school.—*fo.* 84*d.*

1592, Oct. 12.—Resolved, that John Clarke and Nicholas Clunn, vicars-choral, for refusing the offices of escheator and tabellar, to which they were respectively elected, be deprived of their emoluments for six months, and if they shall thereafter persist in their contumacy, to be expelled the church for ever.—*fo.* 85*d.*

1592, Oct. 14.—The dean and chapter to Mr. Anthony Watson.

After our verie hartie commendacions. Thes are to certifie yow that we have receaved your letters, and, accordynge to the contentes thereof, we have admitted Mr. Evans, upon your presentacion, to be the schoolmaster of our grammer schoole, hopyng that he will performe his dewtie with sufficiencie in that place. As towchinge the performance of the severall dewties belonginge to your dignitie in this church, as you have committed the care thereof to Mr. D. Langworthe and Mr. Saunders, so we trust they will accordinglie see unto it. And as concerninge the residence that may belonge unto your place and dignitie, as we would be verie glad, in regard of your owne worthines and desert, of your societie; so yet for as much as by our new corporacion we are brought to a certayne number of residentiaries that we cannott encrease the same, nor admitt any other untill our certayne appoynted number be abated, we are to praye yow not to tak in ill parte that we cannott as yet gratifie your desier, beynge otherwise verie willinge and redie to pleasure and preferr yow, before any other, whensoever any place shalbe voyde and it please yow to accept thereof. And so we committ yow to the protection of the Allmightie. From our chapter howse. (Signed) Joh. Harbert, John Langworth, John Borne, Philipp Bisse, Edmund Wattes, James Cottyngton, William Powell, John Saunders.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 131*d.*]

1592, Oct. 23.—John Clark and Nicholas Clunn, persisting in their refusal of office, are absolved from the penalties imposed upon them, and Hugh Pounde and Humphrey Bailie are elected in their stead.—*fo.* 86.

1592–1593.

1592, Dec. 25.—The appointment by the corporation of Bridgwater of Henry Wills as curate or minister of the parish church was confirmed.—*fo.* 87.

1592–3, Jan. 2.—Lease to William Morgan *alias* Williams, woollen draper, and George Upton of Wells, esq., for 3 lives, of the rectory and parsonage of the parish and parish church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, and also that great barn commonly called Cannon Barne, and two bartons, courts or yards adjoining the said barn, whereof one is on the north side and the other on the south side of the said barn, also tithes of corn, grain, hay and profits of mills, etc.; except courts, perquisites of courts, etc., the prison and the house used for the same, and the penfold or pound, and the use of the barn for keeping courts, and the advowson of the vicarage; rent 40*l.* Lessees to repair the chancel of St. Cuthbert's church, after it has once, and within 3 months from the date hereof, been sufficiently repaired by the dean and chapter, to the satisfaction of the master of the fabric and the mayor of Wells. No pigs are to be kept at the barn or bartons or precincts thereof, and no cattle shall be tied or stalled against any wall abutting upon any of the canons' houses or grounds adjoining thereto or upon the wall abutting upon the Ludborne there.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 135*d.*]

1592–3, Jan. 3.—It is ordered that the new letters patent of the church be engrossed.

Ordered "that the master of the fabrick of this church shall have auctoritie to remove the communion table into such convenient place in the quier as it shall be most decent and comely for the same, and to be inclosed with raile as shall seem best to hym."—*fo.* 88.

1592–3, Jan. 13.—The queen to the dean and chapter.

Trustye and welbeloved, wee greete you well. Whereas the busshopprick of Bathe and Wells is at this present voide by the decease of the late incumbent of the same; and wee, callinge to our remembrance the lerninge, vertue, and other commendable and godly qualities of our trustye and welbeloved chaplein, John Still, doctor of divinitye, have thought good by these our especiall letters to nominate and recommend him unto you, to be by yow chosen and elected to the said busshopprick of Bathe and Welles. Wherefore we praye and require you, forthwith uppon the receipte hereof, to proceade to yore election accordinge to the lawes of this realme and our *congé d'eslire* sent unto yow herewithe. And the same your election so made to certifye under your common seale. Given under our signet, at our honor of Hampton Courte.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 140*d.*]

1592–3, Jan. 17.—John [Whitgift], archbishop of Canterbury, to the sub-dean and chapter of Wells.

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Salutem in Christo. Whereas it hathe pleased her majestie to bestowe the busshopprick of Bathe and Wells upon Mr. Doctor Still, and is mynded that allthinges touchinge the same should be performed before the parliment, to the end that he maye attend uppon her with the rest of the busshopps at that tyme; I hartelye praye youe aswell to dispatch your election, as also to make retorne thereof with such speed as possible you may. And so not doubtinge but youe will take suche diligent care hereof as appertayneth, I committ youe to the tuition of Almightie God. From Lambehith.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 141*d.*]

1592–3, Jan. 17.—John Herbert to the sub-dean and chapter of Wells.

After my verye hartye commendacions. I receaved from my lord of Canterburye the letters whiche I send youe herein enclosed. I am verye glad it hathe pleased her majestie to bestowe that busshoprick upon so rare and worthie a man as Mr. docter Still is well knowen to be. The *congeslier* [*sic*] this bearer bringethe, whereto I do verye willinglye geve my consent, not doutinge but you will doe the like, and be carefull to dispatch this bearer with suche convenient speede as you may. From Tharches [*i.e.* the Court of Arches].—[Ledger F, *fo.* 141*d.*]

1592–3, Jan. 16.—John [Whitgift], archbishop of Canterbury, to his "verie frend, Mr. Herbert, esq., master of the requestes to her majestie."

After my verie hartie commendacions. Whereas it hath pleased her majestie to nomynat Mr. D. Still to be the busshopp of Bath and Wells, and the *congé delire* is allreadie passed under the great seale for the same, I hartelie praie yow to write your letters unto the chapter of Wells, and to signifie your consent therunto, and the rather for that it is expected that your busshopp may at the next parliament attend upon her majestie amongst the rest of his brethren. And so desieringe yow that yow will tak good to write unto them for the dispatch of this busines, I committ yow to the tuition of Allmightie God. From Lambehith.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 141*d.*]

1592–3, Jan. 23.—The process of election of John Still as bishop of Bath and Wells.—*fo.* 88*d.*

1592–3, Jan. 25.—Every canon residentiary to reside for four months in the year on his ecclesiastical living, *sive continuo sive interpolatim*, on pain of deprivation.—*fo.* 89.

1592–3, Feb. 6.—Dr. Powell is empowered to contribute, on behalf of the chapter, a reasonable sum for the building of Reading Church.—*fo.* 89*d.*

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1592–3, Feb. 19.—The installation and enthronization of Bishop Still.—*fo.* 90.

1593, March 26.—Richard Vaughan, S.T.P., installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe IX, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 90*d.*

1593, April 2.—The wardship of Dorothy Smith of Trull, a minor, granted to John Northover of Aller.—*fo.* 91*d.*

1593, April 7.—"Two pole of evidence concerning Ham Mills" delivered by John Saunders to the dean and chapter. —*fo.* 91*d.*

1593, July 2.—John Saunders restored *ad pristinum statum.* —*fo.* 92.

Humphrey Bailie, perpetual vicar, appointed curate of the cathedral, and enjoined to discharge all the duties pertaining to the said office *juxta morem solitum et consuetum.*

1593, July 9.—William Tawswell admitted a perpetual vicar.

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1593, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors: John Saunders and Edmund Watts.
Baron of the exchequer: William Powell.
Master of the fabric: William Powell.
Communar: Philip Bisse.
Escheator: Hugh Pounde.
Tabellar: Thomas Wellstede.
Bailiff and cursor: William Sawier.

1593, Oct. 1.—Thomas Merist appointed steward and chaplain of the almshouse.—*fo.* 92*d.*

Hugh Inge appointed sacrist for life.

1593, Oct. 2.—Mark Leonard appointed a perpetual vicar. —*fo.* 93.

Thomas Everett, vicar-choral, charged with getting his maidservant, Joan Teight, with child, and neglecting to appear upon citation, was pronounced contumacious. Joan Teight, confessing the fact, was ordered to appear to receive judgment on October 12.—*fo.* 93*d.*

1593, Oct. 12.—Thomas Everett excommunicated. Sentence on Joan Teight deferred until January 2.

1593, Nov. 12.—Anne Patwell, being cited to appear this day to answer articles touching the reformation of her morals, and making default, was pronounced contumacious.

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1593, Nov. 13.—Anne Patwell appears, and being charged with having parted with her virginity in an illicit manner, and confessing that she was gotten with child by one Henry Willett, sometime servant to Edmund Watts, canon, is ordered to do public penance in the church on three Sundays, to wit, on Sunday next the said Anne Patwell shall come into the cathedral church aforesaid, wearing a white sheet made fast about her from her shoulders to the ground and holding a white rod in her hand, without any hat on her head or muffler on her face, and shall stand before the place where the sermon is usually preached, from the time of the reading of the second chapter in the forenoon until the end of divine service. And after that the minister hath read the Epistle and Gospel she shall openly confess her fault, and say that she hath offended God with her lewd life, and hath shewed an evil example to the inhabitants within the liberty of the said church and to the rest of the town of Wells, and showing herself sorry for her offence upon her knees shall ask God forgiveness, and the congregation, and shall then say the Lord's prayer. And shall do the like penance in manner and form aforesaid two Sundays then next following, in the place aforesaid. [*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 60.]—*fo.* 94.

1593, Dec. 14.—Anne Patwell to be cited to appear on January 2 to answer for having left the penance undone.

Thomas Everett to be cited to appear on the same day to answer certain articles touching the reformation of his morals.

Christiana [*sic*] Teight to be cited in like manner for the said day.

1593–4, Jan. 2.—Joan Teight alone appears, late in the day, and her sentence is reserved for the morrow.

1593–4, Jan. 3.—Sentence pronounced on Joan Teight, to wit, that on Saturday next she shall stand at the High Cross in the market in Wells from 11 of the clock until 12, bare-faced, with a white sheet on her down from her shoulders to the foot, and upon Sunday next after she shall do the like punishment in St. Andrew's Church in Wells, standing in the choir there from the beginning of morning service unto the end thereof, and at the reading of the Gospel she shall openly confess that she hath offended God and the congregation by her wicked life and evil example, and that she is sorry therefor, and shall ask God forgiveness and say the Lord's prayer, and hereof she shall certify the next chapter day.—*fo.* 94*d.*

The like sentence passed upon Christiana Teight.—*fo.* 95.

1593–4, Jan. 22.—The White Book, containing in it the records and originals of the cathedral church of Wells, wrapped up in canvas and sealed with the seals of Mr. Dr. Cottington and Mr. Dr. Bisse, was delivered unto Mr. Earle, prebendary

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of Litton, to be safely carried to London by him, and there to be delivered to Mr. Dr. Cottington, that so much of the contents of the said book shall be by Mr. Dr. Cottington showed unto Mr. Earle "his counsayle," as shall any way concern the state of his said prebend of Litton; and afterwards to be inclosed up again in canvas, and sealed with the seal of the said Mr. Dr. Cottington, and to be brought safely unto the dean and chapter by March 1 next. [*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 64.] —*fo.* 95.

1593–4, Feb. 21.—James Hayward accused by Edith Lyte of getting her with child, and acknowledging that he believeth it to be true, was ordered to do penance as follows, to wit, that on Saturday next he shall stand in the open market at the High Cross in Wells from 11 of the clock before noon until one of the clock afternoon, with a white sheet about him from his shoulders to the ground, holding a white rod in his hand, bare-headed, and there shall openly confess his offence and show himself sorrowful for it. And on Sunday next he shall also stand before the pulpit in St. Andrew's Church during all the time of the sermon with a white sheet and a rod as is aforesaid and bare-headed, and then shall show himself penitent for his offence and ask God forgiveness, and the like penance he shall do again in the market at the High Cross in Wells and in the church aforesaid, in manner and form as is before specified, on Wednesday next and the Sunday then following, and certify, etc. [*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 105.]—*fo.* 95*d.*

1593–4, Feb. 23.—The said James Hayward and Edith Lyte having presented themselves before the dean and chapter and taken the marriage vow, are admonished to cause the marriage to be solemnized *in facie ecclesiæ* before the feast of St. John the Baptist.

1594, April 2.—George Tucker admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 96*d.*

1594, April 3.—"Whereas Mr. Frauncis Godwine was absent at the universitie of Oxford to doe exercise for the degree of Batchellor of Divinitie, by the space of vi weekes or theraboutes, [decreed] that the daies so by hym ther spent are reckoned amongst his daies of residenc as yf he had ben resident upon any other his spirituall livyng"; the same shall apply to any other time hereafter spent at the university "for doyng of any other exercise concerning the same or any other degree." [*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 67*d.*]

1594, May 27.—Anne Pattwell, having certified the chapter of the performance of her penance, receives absolution.—*fo.* 97.

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1594, June 17.—A special concession made that the bishop may hold his general visitation for this part of the diocese in the chapter house.—*fo.* 97.

1594, June 20.—Thomas Everett absolved.—*fo.* 97*d.*

1594, July 1.—Francis Godwin elected steward.

1594, July 2.—"Memorandum to insert heare the act made betwixt the deane and chapter and the belfownder, which act the bellfownder hath." [*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 75.]

This day the agreement was made with the bell-founder.—*fo.* 98.

ACCOUNTS of WILLIAM POWELL, S.T.P., KEEPER OF THE FABRIC.

Receipts: 6*s.* 8*d.* for the burial of Mr. Richard Bowrne; for the burial of William Powell [*blank*].

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1594, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.

Auditors: John Bourne and Francis Godwin.

Baron of the exchequer: William Powell.

Master of the fabric: William Powell.

Communar: Philip Bisse.

Escheator: Robert Marwood.

Tabellar: Nicholas Clunn.

Bailiff and cursor: William Sawier.

All matters in dispute between the chapter and the vicars are referred to the decision of the bishop.—*fo.* 99.

Decreed "to geve xx*s.* towardes the suit of the tenauntes of Congresbury concerning the defenc of ther common."—[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 76*d.*]

1594, Nov. 26.—George Huishe, accused of incontinence with Joan Teight, upon her confession, craves to be allowed to make his purgation, and it is agreed that he may do so with four neighbours of credit, residents within the liberties of the cathedral, on December 16.—*fo.* 99.

1594, Dec. 9.—The book called *Album Registrum* is returned by Dr. Cottington; all records in the hands of any of the chapter are to be returned by January 2.—*fo.* 100.

George Upton, esquire, charged with assaulting Edmund Watts, M.A., canon, acknowledges his offence and the jurisdiction of the chapter; he is excommunicated.

1594, Dec. 16.—George Huishe cleared of his offence by four compurgators.—*fo.* 100*d.*

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1594, Dec. 18.—George Upton absolved.

1594–5, Jan. 2.—John Farrant admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.

1594–5, Jan. 28.—Dr. Bisse to go to London forthwith, to follow certain necessary businesses concerning the state of the church and chapter.—[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 82.]

1595, April 1.—Mr. Alexander Towse is suspended for certain misdemeanours in the execution of his office. Referred to Dr. Bisse and Mr. Francis Godwyne.—[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 83*d.*]

1595, April 2.—Ordered by Dr. Bisse and Mr. Godwyne "that the said Mr. Towse shall paie unto the deane and chapter of the cathedral church of Wells vj*li.* of good and lawfull money of England for the herriottes of Bitham, viz: ij oxen which, by meanes he kept a court at Bitham without authority, weare lost; and this vj*li.* shall by hym be payd at the next audyte heald for the deane and chapter aforesaid, and that he shall mak the best commodytye of the said two herriottes due by the death of Hurwoodd of Bitham to his owne use, and that he doe heareafter in all his actions concernyng his office and the affares of the said deane and chapter well and faythfully demeane and behave hymself towardes the deane and chapter *sub pœna incumbenti.*"—[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 84.]

Mr. William Morgan of Wormyster, Somerset, gent., assumed and promised that neither he nor his assigns would "impeach or overthrow any estate of any of the tenantes in Pilton, belongyng to the rectorie or parsonag of Pilton." Signed in the presence of me Thomas Maicock, notary public,

WILLIAM MORGAN.

[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 84*d.*]

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1595, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors: James Cottington and John Saunders.
Baron of the exchequer: William Powell.
Master of the fabric: William Powell.
Communar: Philip Bisse.
Escheator: Mark Leonard.
Tabellar: Robert Marwood.
Bailiff and cursor: William Sawier.

1595, Oct. 1.—It is ordered that Hugh Ing, the sacrist, shall take away all seats newly built in the choir by Monday next following, on pain of being removed from his office.—*fo.* 103*d.*

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1595, Oct. 4.—An extension of time until October 25 is granted to Hugh Ing.

1595–6, Jan. 15.—Dr. P. Bisse and Dr. Powell appointed to appear before the lords of the council in the controversy between the chapter and the vicars.—*fo.* 104.

1595–6, Jan. 29.—The dean [John Herbert] is joined with the above-named canons in the said business. Ordered that they have the White Book with them.

1595–6, Feb. 13.—James Bill, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Holcombe.—*fo.* 104.

1596, April 2.—Letters patent of the bishop, appointing Francis James his vicar, confirmed under the chapter seal.—*fo.* 105.

1596, June 2.—Resolved, "that noe man shall appeare to excuse the absence of any prebendary of this church [from the Whitsun visitation], but that the said partie so appearyng shall assume and promysse for and in the name of the canon or prebendarye for whom he doth appeare, to satisfy and paye yearely and at all due tymes, the dutyes due to the fabrick of this church, to see his sermons performed and to answer the penaltie of every default of omittyng the performance of the sermon and to geve sufficient warnyng, the Monday before the sermon is to be preached, unto the sexten of the said church, to th'end that, if that turn by the prebendary or canon, who ought that day to preach, cannot be observed, that it may otherwise be provided for, so as the place may be supplied; otherwise the said warnyng to be non, and the party whose turne it is that day to preach, be taken in default." [*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 94*d.*]—*fo.* 106.

William Hill, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Combe IX, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1596, June 2.—Ordered that every of the canons shall to-morrow bring in all acts, evidences, writinges and other munimentes belonging to the deane and chapter, which they have in their handes, *sub pœna perjurii et suspensionis.*—[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 95*d.*]

1596, July 1.—Edmund Watts, S.T.D., elected steward.—*fo.* 107*d.*

1596, July 28.—William Hinton, S.T.D., installed by proxy in the prebend of Shalford otherwise Scamford, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 108.

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1596, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors: James Cottington and James Bisse.
Baron of the exchequer: William Powell.
Master of the fabric: Francis Godwin.
Communar: Philip Bisse.
Escheator: Robert Marwood.
Tabellar: Nicholas Clunn.
Bailiff and cursor: William Sawier.

1596, Oct. 1.—The vicars-choral appeared before the chapter and gave their consent "touching the Mountire, viz.: that everie canon resident of this church shall upon his death pay out of his divident and arrerages, for and in consideration of his mountire six pounds . . . and 13*s.* 4*d.* for the cheator for the bridle and saddle."—*fo.* 108*d.*

The vicars-choral were admonished to receive the communion in the cathedral at least three times a year.

1596, Oct. 11.—John Rogers, D.C.L., appointed chancellor of the cathedral, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 101.]

James Bill installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe IV, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 109.

1596, Nov. 11.—Edward Rilston, M.A., fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford, installed in the prebend of Wedmore II, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 109*d.*

1596–7, Jan. 13.—Mandate of the queen, dated December 3 in the 39th year of her reign, under the great seal, addressed to the dean and chapter of Wells, for the installation of James Bisse in the prebend of Compton Bishop, produced by the said James Bisse, who craves that a *caveat* be entered against the installation of anyone else without notice to him first given. *Caveat* entered accordingly.

1596–7, Jan. 13.—"The deane and chapter graunted to Thomas Maicock that he shall have and use the shilfe howse adjoyning to the west end of the cathedrall church of Wells standing in the churchyeard without the dore goyng to the grammer schoole, to putt in such necessaries as he shall thinck good of, so as he doe at all tymes repaire the same."—[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 104*d.*]

1597, April 1.—"The sacrist and other the clarckes and sextons shall diligently geve attendans dayly on ther offices and diligently shall doe all that is to be done by them, upon payne of forfeyture of a penny to be defalked out of ther stipend, and that they shall be pricked by the pricker how often they are ther or absent."—[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 105*d.*]

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1597, April 14.—Prebendary William Moseley prayed for and received absolution from a sentence of excommunication incurred by not keeping "his course in preching . . . according to her majestie's injunctions in this behalf provided."—[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 106.]

1597, April 15.—William More admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 110.

1597, April 16.—John Baber, S.T.D., installed in the prebend of Combe XIV, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1597, May 18.—George Edwardes, clerk, presented to the vicarage of Pucklechurch.—[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 108.]

1597, May 18.—Dr. John Rogers, the chancellor, is cited to read the divinity lecture or provide a deputy, *juxta injunctiones regias alterasque ordinationes hujus ecclesiæ.*—[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 107.]

1597, July 1.—Roger Michell of Fifett, tanner, to have timber to build up the prison at North Curry, and to have a lease of the prison house for 21 years, paying the usual rent and keeping it in repair.—*fo.* 111*d.*

1597, Sept. 11.—Richard Poughnell, clerk, presented to the rectory of Shipham, vacant by the death of Richard Stevens. [*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 109*d.*]

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1597, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors: James Bisse and John Borne.
Baron of the exchequer: William Powell.
Master of the fabric: Francis Godwin.
Communar: Philip Bisse.
Escheator: John Clarke.
Tabellar: Nicholas Clunn.
Bailiff and cursor: William Sawier.

1597, Oct. 1.—Lease to Mr. George Upton and his assigns "of the gat howse comonly called Brownes gat, to make up the yeares that now he hath in the same [? to] xl tie yeares, *pro feodis sigilli* viz. liij*s.* iiij*d.*"—[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 111.]

1597, Oct. 7.—Mandate of the bishop to the chapter to elect proctors for the convocation to be held at St. Paul's, London, on October 25.—*fo.* 112*d.*

1597, Oct. 7.—The pinnacle of the church to be mended at a cost of 6*l.*—[*Vol.* 1591–1601, *fo.* 111*d.*]

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1597–8, Jan. 2.—The farmer of the parsonage of Buckland, Dorset, has leave to pull down the parsonage house and build a handsome sufficient new one.—*fo.* 113.

The ancient order was renewed that no canon resident was to receive into his service man or maid, quitting the service of any other canon, without his especial consent.—*fo.* 113*d.*

1597–8, Feb. 4.—Lease from William Whitlock, M.A., prebendary of the prebend of Dultingcott *alias* Dulcott, otherwise called Tingeherst *alias* Fingest, to Michael Farrar *alias* Turner of Fingest, co. Bucks, gent., for 21 years, of the manor of Tingeherst, with all appurtenances, except the advowson of the rectory and all timber trees containing above 16 inches square; rent 20*l.* and 26*s.* 8*d.* to the master of the fabric.

Confirmed by the bishop and the dean and chapter.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 154*d.*]

1598, May 20.—John Attwell, William Hellacre, Richard Bushell and Katherine his wife, and Anne Hawker, cited for not receiving the Holy Eucharist, are enjoined to do so. William Hawker and Marian Chedsey otherwise Emery, who have not appeared, are to be again cited for the like.—[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 115*d.*]

1598, June 7.—Richard Mewe, vicar-choral, dismissed from his place for absenting himself for six months and more, without leave.—*fo.* 115.

William Hellacre pronounced contumacious for disobeying a mandate of the chapter to receive the Holy Eucharist; his punishment reserved until July 1.

Richard Busshell and his wife excommunicated for the same cause.

1598, June 7.—William Hawker did not appear and was excommunicated.—[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 117.]

1598, July 1.—John Langworth, S.T.D., elected steward.—*fo.* 115*d.*

William Hellacre excommunicated.

1598, July 1.—"The pricker of the vicares for the tyme beyng shall every [iij weekes, *interlined*] Saterday bring his book unto the sub-deane or president of the chapter that then shall be at home."—[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 117*d.*]

1598, July 26.—Paul Godwin, M.A., installed in the prebend of Holcombe, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 115*d.*

1598, July 26.—Dean Herbert to Philip Bisse, D.D. and resident at Wells.

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Sir,—Thoughe I expected to be particulerly informed either from yourself or from Mr. Whitlock towching the state of Tourner's lease, afore I would willingly yelded any consent for the confirmacion thereof, yet beinge informed by the partie that th'incumbent, the busshopp and the rest of the chapter, saving myselfe, have already approved the lease, as noe way prejudiciall to the state of the church, and myselfe knowing that Turner, the tennant to whom the graunt is made, hath spent his tyme and welth in the mayntenance of the right of our church to that prebend, I ame content that you assent in my behalfe to the passing of the lease for the manor of Tingeherst, so as the same be already yealed [? yielded] unto by the rest of the chapter. The pittye I have of the man and the desire I have to encourage other to remayne trustie to the church, be the only causes that move me herein to dispence from my former determinacion. Mortlake.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 155*d.*]

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1598, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors: James Bisse and John Borne.
Baron of the exchequer: William Powell.
Master of the fabric: Edmund Watts.
Surveyors of houses: James Bisse and Francis Godwin.
Communar: William Powell.
Escheator: Nicholas Clunn.
Tabellar: Roger Rugg.
Bailiff and cursor: William Sawier.

1598, Oct. 6.—The office of chief steward of the bishop of Bath and Wells is granted to Anthony Paulett, knight, and John his son, for the fees of the seal, viz. 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; the office of sub-steward is granted to Mr. Robert Eyre, for the fees of the seal, viz. 53*s.* 4*d.*—[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 121.]

1598, Oct. 6.—Ordered that the choristers shall no longer come to any canon's house at any meal, and in lieu of this shall be paid 5*l.* a year.—[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 120*d.*]

1598, Oct. 7.—The office of register to the bishop of Bath and Wells is granted to Edward Huishe, notary public, and his assigns, on condition that neither he nor they "shall intermeddle with the fees, profittes or commodyties any way appertayning or belonging unto the registers of the deane and the deane and chapter of the cathedrall church of Wells for the tyme beyng, the registers to the archedeacon of the archdeaconry of Wells, the register of the archedeacone of Bath and the register of the archedeacon of Taunton, the register of the sub-deane of the said church, and all other registers whosoever appertaining to any prebendary or canon

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of the said church having ecclesiasticall jurisdiccion, now beyng or shall hereafter be, which clause shalbe inserted in the confimacion." If the above clause shall appear "not to be avayleable in law," then Huishe and Robert Owen shall give a bond of 200 marks to the like effect.

(Signed) Ro. Owen.

[*Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 121*d.*]

1598, Oct. 12.—James Bisse installed in the prebend of Compton Bishop, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 119.

Grant to Dean Herbert and his assigns, of the mines, grooves and pits of "Calamyntstone" of lead and lead ore, now being or to be made upon the commons of Smaledowne and other commons and waste grounds within the manors of Winscombe and Shipham, for the term of ten years, at the yearly rent of 20*s.* The grantee is to indemnify the grantors against a warrant to work the mines, which William Dale of Wrington has.—[Also *Vol.* 1591–1607, *fo.* 125*d.*]

1598, Nov. 2.—By common consent of the dean and chapter the capitular seal is defaced and broken, and a new seal ordered to be made.—*fo.* 119*d.*

1598–9, March 12.—A new seal approved. The seal is described as *argenteum impressione S. Andreae cum cruce transversa* [*cum inscriptione*] *sequenti majusculis caracteribus, et in circumferentia ejusdem inscriptionis.*—Sigillum DECANI ET CAPITULI ECCLESIE CATHEDRALIS WILLENSIS, *et alia inscriptione corpore sigilli predicti minusculis caracteribus sequenti inscripta.*—Credo in Jesum Christum filium, &c., Anno Domini 1598, *factum unacum scuto, et in eodem transversa cruce S. Andreae et gentilitiis insigniis prefati Magistri Joannis Herbert, Decani predicti, in pede ejusdem sigilli insculptis.* [The MS. is here sadly mutilated.]—*fo.* 120*d.*

1599, April 1.—Walter Tayler admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.

1599, April 2.—A lease of all the fowling in the hundred of North Curry granted to Hugh Portman, knight, for 21 years, rent 4*d.* a year, reserving to the dean and chapter the right of hawking and fowling there when it shall please any of them to do so.—*fo.* 121.

1599, April 3.—It is ordered that 20*s.* be given every month to the collectors for the poor of Wells.—*fo.* 121*d.*

1599, May 11.—Dean Herbert to Drs. Cottington, Bysse and Powell.

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At the request of Mr. D. Langworthe, I have geven my consente that such leases as he shall offer unto yow concerninge his archdeaconry, beinge of his graunte, be confirmed at the next chapter with all favour. And so I praye you notifie to the chapter at your next assemblye, and lett this be recorded. And so very hartely commende me to yow all. From my lodginge at the Doctors' Commons.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 161.]

1599, May 30.—Marmaduke Gleson admitted sacrist.—*fo.* 122.

1599, May 30.—Sent to Mr. Gabriel Harvey an evidence sealed with three seals in green wax, concerning Hamm Mills.

1599, May 31.—William Barker, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Dulcot, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

James Bell, S.T.B., installed by proxy in the prebend of Warmister otherwise Luxfield, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.*—*fo.* 122*d.*

Undated.—A list of fees payable.—*fo.* 7.

Pro inthronizatione episcopi Bathonensis et Wellensis et pro certificatorio super ejus electione, presidenti capituli 2*l.*, *clerico capitulari* 2*l.*, *sacristæ* 4*l.*, *choristis* 4*s.*

Pro installacione alicujus in dignitatem, to the same persons as above, 13*s.* 4*d.*, 6*s.* 8*d.*, 26*s.* 8*d.* and 2*s.* 8*d.*

Pro installatione in præbendam, to the same persons, 6*s.* 8*d.*, 3*s.* 4*d.*, 13*s.* 4*d.* and 6*d.*

Pro instrumento super qualibet installatione, presidenti capituli 6*s.* 8*d.*, *clerico capitulari* 3*s.* 4*d.* ; *cera* 4*d.*†

1599, July 2.—Agreed that the fee payable by the bishop for the seal when his acts are confirmed by the chapter is to be only 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, so that the bishop do receive the like sum and no more for his confirmation of grants made by the present canons residentiary or any one of them. If the bishop shall "deny to confirme" any grant of the present dean, dean and chapter, or any one of the present canons, no grants whatsoever of his shall be confirmed by the dean and chapter until he do so.

(Signed) James Bisse, James Cottington, Jo: Langworth, Franc: Godwyn, Jo: Bowrne, Ph: Bisse, Will^{M}: Powell. —*fo.* 136.

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* This is the last extract from Book H. The next volume of Chapter Acts, which has no distinguishing letter or number, covers the period from 1591 to 1607, and therefore overlaps Book H for 9 years. There is no explanation of this; many of the entries are found in both volumes, while others occur in one only. The extracts prior to this point have been inserted in their proper places.

† This undated note occurs at the beginning of the volume 1591-1607. It is probably merely a memorandum for the chapter clerk, and its actual place in the volume seems to have no significance.

1598–1599.

1599, July 3.—Mr. James Bisse complained of William More, vicar-choral, " that comyng to Mr. Sub-deane to aske leave to goe out of the town, the said Mr. Sub-deane willed hym to stay untill the afternoone, then the said More replied in contemptuous manner and sayd he had done as much as he needed and he would not stay, and so went from." He is ordered to confess his offence openly in the cathedral on Sunday next and to express his sorrow.—*fo.* 136*d.*

" The little howse adjoyning unto the west end of the cathedrall church of Wells, next unto the gramer schoole, is graunted to Mr. David Sarney to use for his necessary occasions, so as he do . . . repaire the same."—*fo.* 137.

1599, July 4.—The dean and chapter of their special favour and charity have given " the divident and arrerages of the yeare of anni post mortem " after the death of John Saunders, late canon of this church, for the relief of his children. Edward Wadham, esq., is to receive it to the use of the children, according to the allotment made by the chapter.

Confirmed and sealed the letters patent granting the office of receiver general to the bishop of Bath and Wells to Mr. Francis James, LL.D., for the fees of the seal, viz. 53*s.* 4*d.*, Dr. Powell dissenting.—*fo.* 137*d.*

1599, July 12.—Edward Powell installed in the prebend of Combe III.

1599, July 1.—John Gibbes admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 141.

1599–1600.

1599, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors : James Bisse and John Borne.
Baron of the exchequer : Philip Bisse.
Master of the fabric : James Bisse.
Surveyors of houses : John Langworth and Philip Bisse.
Communar : William Powell.
Escheator : Robert Marwood.
Tabellar : Walter Tailor.
Bailiff and cursor : William Sawier.

1599, Oct. 1.—Ordered that every canon resident of this cathedral now or hereafter called to preach at Paul's Cross, London, shall have 20 days in the computing of his residence. —*fo.* 140.

46*l.* is given to the children of the late Canon Saunders, viz. John 10*l.*, Mary 9*l.*, Elizabeth 9*l.*, Edward 9*l.* and William 9*l.* ; Mr. Borne and Mr. Powell dissenting.

1599, Oct. 2.—Decreed " that whereas my L. busshopp of Bath and Wells doth withhould and now detayne in his handes

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this yeares tenth of his quotidians and likewise the . . . subsidy of this yeare of the said quotidians, from the deane and chapter, that therefore it [be] ordered and enjoyned that the commynor of this church shall detayne and keep in his handes the quotidians of the said lord busshopp which shalbe heareafter due unto hym, untill he have paied the said tenths and subsidyes unto the said deane and chapter or to there comminor to there use. Also it is further ordered that the canons shall not heareafter fettch the said L. busshopp to the church unlesse upon solemne feast tymes, and then so that the said lorrd busshopp shall first send his officer to them."

The communar is forbidden to pay to Thomas Gould and John Hulett any of their quotidians as from October 1 until they shall receive the Holy Communion in the cathedral, according to the order of October 12, 1598. If they fail to do this before January 1 next, they shall be deprived of all commodities and profits appertaining to a vicar-choral.—*fo.* 140*d.*

1599, Nov. 22.—John Parsons, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Combe XII.—*fo.* 142*d.*

1599, Dec. 6.—William Eccleston, A.M., installed in the prebend of Combe II.—*fo.* 143.

1599, Dec. 8.—Anthony Egglesfield, A.M., installed in the prebend of Combe I.—*fo.* 143*d.*

1599–1600, Jan. 2.—The proceedings against John Hulett, vicar-choral, are annulled.—*fo.* 144.

Ordered "that the canons shall fetch the B. to church on thes dayes followyng, viz. the feast day of the Nativyty of our Lord God, the Circumcission [*struck out*], Epiphany, Purificacion, Annunciacion [*struck out*], Ester Day, Ascention Day, Whitsonday, Trinyty Sonday [*struck out*], Allhallowday and St. Andrewe's Day [*struck out*] and such days as he shall preach in."—*fo.* 144*d.*

1599–1600, March 1.—Mr. Philipps, vicar of Buckland, co. Dorset has leave to pull down one of "ij little poore cotes or howsen" in Buckland.—*fo.* 146.

6*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*, the remainder of certain arrearages allowed by the grace of the chapter, shall be paid to Mr. Edward Wadham, for the use of the children of Mr. Thomas Saunders, late canon; John Saunders is to have 54*s.* and the rest is to be equally divided.—*fo.* 146*d.*

1600, April 10.—Thomas Fabian confessed himself guilty of incontinence with Joan Allan of Walcombe, and is ordered to do penance in the cathedral.—*fo.* 147.

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1600, July 1.—Dr. Philip Bisse is elected steward for two years from Michaelmas next.—*fo.* 154*d.*

Mr. Nicholas Weekes has leave to sue, at his own cost and in the name of the dean and chapter, one John Davy *alias* Bulland of Allerton, for waste upon his tenement there.—*fo.* 155.

1600–1601.

1600, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors: James Bisse and John Borne.
Baron of the exchequer: Philip Bisse.
Master of the fabric: James Bisse.
Surveyors of houses: Philip Bisse and William Powell.
Communar: William Powell.
Escheator: Nicholas Clunn.
Tabellar: Humphrey Bayley.
Bailiff and cursor: William Sawier.

"Towching the makyng of a new organe, the chapter doe wholy referr them selves to Mr. D. James Bisse, now master of the fabrick, for the finishing [?] of that busines, and what he shall doe therin they doe promise to ratify and allowe of it."—*fo.* 156.

1600, Oct. 1.—Ordered that William West, George Huishe and John Elliott "doe more diligently frequent the church and ring the bells, as by their offices they ought," on pain of losing office.—*fo.* 156*d.*

William Tawswell, vicar-choral, accused of incontinence with Mary wife of Robert Marwood, purges himself with three vicars-choral as compurgators.—*fo.* 157.

1600, Oct. 27.—The chapter have appoynted that Mr. D. Ph. Bisse shall goe forthwith to London about the cause in question betwixt Mr. Upton and my L.B. of Bath and Wells concerning tythes, and there to contynue at London untill the end of the terme, and he shall have his dayes and expenses. . . .—*fo.* 157*d.*

1600, Nov. 20.—All the vicars-choral, except John Hulett and Richard Mason, appeared and confessed that it was true that on Wednesday at evening prayers only four of them were present. They were admonished to be more diligent, and not to frequent taverns nor walk the streets [*plateas*].

1600, Nov. 27.—Dean Herbert to the sub-dean and chapter.

Wheareas it pleased you to gratifie me with the graunte of a lease of Okehampton, and that at this present the tenant is a sutor to me the same maye be made over to his use, with some alteracion, suche, as I conjecture, as can noe waie brede any prejudice to your selves,—I am frindly to request each

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of yow in particular and all in generall to parfitt that which yow have soe kindly begon, that is, to graunt a new lease to the tenant's use for three lives, in such forme as the same is demaunded, the same in substance little differing from the first graunt ye made to me ; and I will as kindly acquite the same, both in generall and in particular, when occasion shall require it. And as touching the chaunging of the yeares into lyves being contrary to the decre made at my being with yow, seing it is to the benefitt of us all, without prejudice to our successors, I am well content therewith, soe as I maye be made acquainted therewithall, and my consent had to every particuler, as before. And whereas Mr. Upton hath ben and is a sutor to have a further state in the parsonadge of Wells and the Canon Barnes, I am content the same be propounded, to th'end his offer maye be knowen, and uppon notice therof and your liking of the same, I will as then further impart my resolucion therein. From Court.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 179*d.*]

1601, April 2.—It was objected against William Tawswell, one of the vicars-choral, that he was last night out of his house all night, in the town, playing at tables with Anthony Harrison and others ; he confessed, and was suspended from his habit and from all benefits and commodities to his office for one month.—*fo.* 161.

1601, April 17.—Richard Marwoodd, vicar-choral, having been accused of incontinence and having confessed, is sentenced to do penance as follows :—" Uppon the first day of July next followyng he shall come into the chapter howse between the howers of ix and xj of the fornoon, in his usuall apparell, and that before the chapter and company of the vicars . . . then presente, he shall kneel downe on his knees and openly confess his offens, viz. that he hath committed the cryme of fornicacion or adultery with Susan Giffard and that he is hartely sory therfor, and shall desier God to forgeve hym his offence and the company there present for his ill example ; and further, betwixt this day and the first day of July next, he shall write and prick out services for the quyer of the cathedrall church of Wells, at the discretion of Mr. D. Cottington, the chaunter of the said church, or his deputy." . . .—*fo.* 162.

1601, May 26.—Ralph Maynwaring, A.M., installed in the prebend of Combe IV, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 163.

1601–1602.

1601, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors : John Langworth and John Borne.
Baron of the exchequer : James Cottington.
Master of the fabric : John Langworth.

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Surveyors of houses : John Borne and James Bisse.
Communar : James Cottington.
Escheator : Nicholas Clunn.
Tabellar : Robert Marwood.
Bailiff and cursor : William Sawier.

1601, Oct. 1.—Lease to George Upton, for 40 years, of the tower commonly called Browne's Gate in Sadlers Street ; rent 2*s.*—[Ledger F, *fo.* 185.]

1601, Oct. 16.—Henry Jones is charged with allowing tippling in his house during the time of divine service on Sundays. He confessed " that true it is that there were some persons in his house on Sunday last was three weeks, eating a cake, as he thinketh." He is admonished not to allow it again.—*fo.* 171

1601, Nov. 26.—Dean Herbert to Dr. Bisse, archdeacon of Taunton and Wells.

Sir, whereas I did heretofore, uppon the commendacions of my lord cheife justice of England [Sir John Popham] and others, write unto you on the behalf of William Towse, to be joyned in patent with his father, Alexander Towse, in the office of clerke of our courtes, in such sort as he, the sayd Alexander, was formerlie joyned in patent with one William Bowerman, esq., deceased, which office the said Alexander hath executed above these 26 yeares, as I am informed. Now for that I understand that, since my sayd letters unto you, the suit of the said Alexander and his sonne hath not ben propounded, and for that I have ben moved againe by my lord chief justice on the behalf of the said William, who (as I am also informed) is verie fit and to doe us good service in that place, and the rather also for that his sayd father, as well in regarde of his age, as of some other occasions, is not nowe soe able to travell about the execucion thereof as heretofore, —these are therefore eftsoones to desire you, at your next meeting in chapter, not onlie to propound the said suit and to give my voice and assent therunto, but also at this my request for the better present effecting thereof to give all the best furtherance you maie. From the Court.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 172*d.*]

1601–2, Jan. 2.—Alexander Towse of Wells and William Towse, his son, are appointed to the office of clerk of the courts of the dean and chapter, late of William Boureman, deceased, on the conditions contained in former patents, and with the following condition :—They are not to make more than one copy of any grant without the consent of the steward or the president of the chapter for the time being, and that only for the first or principal purchaser.

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Ordered that the steward shall not take from any tenant of this church in consideration of any grant more than 12*d.* for the entry and 10*s.* for his fee ; " all other somes whatsoever by hym mad shall accrue to the generall benefitt of the chapter, *sub fide et juramento dato Decano et Capitulo.*"—*fo.* 170.

1601–2, Jan. 2.—Appointment by the dean and chapter of Alexander Towse of Wells, gent., and William Towse, his son, to the office of clerk of the courts of all their lordships, manors, lands, etc., in Somerset, Gloucestershire, Dorset or elsewhere, to be exercised by them of either of them, unless prevented by serious illness, for their lives and the life of the survivor, at a yearly fee of 56*s.* 8*d.*, issuing out of the manor of Winscomb, co. Somerset, and all accustomed emoluments, etc.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 172.]

1601–2, Jan. 4.—Francis [Godwin], bishop of Llandaff,* prayed to be allowed 67 days towards completing his residence at Wells, which the canons not only refused to grant, but ordered should not be granted.—*fo.* 172.

1601–2, Jan. 4.—Ordered " That the steward that now ys to the deane and chapter of Wells, and that hereafter shalbe, shall not take any somme of money to him selfe for a heriott *ex conventione* upon a surrender, but that the heriott upon every surrender to be taken away and shalbe made most of and sold by the steward, to the only benefit of the whole chapter, as yf the same heriott were really sold in their sight and presence."—*fo.* 172*d.*

Alexander Towse, under-steward and clerk of the courts, surrendered his former letters patent, *easdemque litteras patentes in manibus suis tenens quodam cultro penetravit secuit et cancellavit.* New letters patent were ordered to be sealed granting the office of clerk of the courts to the said Alexander Towse and William Towse, for their lives and the life of the survivor ; they were sworn, and, accepting 6*d.* from the sub-dean, undertook to give a bond in 400*l.* if required.

1601–2, Jan. 11.—The bishop of Llandaff appeared and produced letters patent under the great seal and the seal *ad facultates* . . . commonly called *litteras ad commendam*, and prayed that his days of residence since his consecration on November 22 last be allowed him, and also " that all the rest of his days for residence in his absens may be allowed him hereafter." Reserved for the next general chapter.—*fo.* 173*d.*

1601–2, Jan. 12.—Mr. Robert Wright, S.T.D., installed as treasurer by mandate of the bishop, on the resignation of John Borne, S.T.D.—*fo.* 174.

* Consecrated November 22, 1601.

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1601–2, Feb. 19.—Dean Herbert to the sub-dean and the chapter.

I understand by Mr. Doctor Bisse that yow are desirous, in respect of the charges yow are like to be at this yeare, to have my consent to certaine graunts that yow have alredy considered of among your selves, and I thinck it maye be fitly done, without prejudice to any. The first is that the lease at Stogommer, which at my last being with yow was graunted for 21 yeares, maie be exchaunged uppon some new increase of a fine into the terme of three lyves. To the which I willingly assent. So doe I in like manner for a new lease of Westmere to be made for three lives uppon surrender of his graunt for yeares, yelding such fine as yow shall in your discretion thinke convenient. And towching the graunt yow have made of Canon Barne, though in some respect I could have wished yow had made longer staye, yet seing yow thought it convenient soe to doe, I will not impugne the same, but yeld my consent to that yow have done. And withall seing yow have determined to pleasure Mr. Upton therein, as your good neighbour, I can well approve that, considering he hath many yeares to come of the lease of his howse, and hath ben at great charges in repayring therof, that yow enlarge the graunt of his howse to as many yeares as yow shall thinke convenient. And as towching the exchange and altering of the terme of 21 yeares made of the rectory of Lavington to Mr. Doctor Cottington, seing he is a member of our bodie, I doe well approve the same be made for three lives, as beneficiall as yow maie. From Court at Whitehall.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 180.]

1601–2, March 4.—"We whose names are underwritten, beyng capitulerly gathered together, do thinck and beleev that the howse wherein Mr. John Lunn now dwelleth is parte of the L. busshopp of Bath and Wells his palace, and therfore of his jurisdiccion and not of the jurisdiccion of the deane and chapter of the cathedrall church of Wells. Dated in our chapter howse, 4° Marcii, 1601.

James Bisse. John Langworth.
James Cottington. Philipp Bisse.
Will^M^ Powell.

—*fo.* 176.

1601–2, March 6.—"Every canon resident shall refuse to receave his vicare chorall and to admitt hym to his hows, till he doth reforme hym self and become conformable to the orders and government of this church, as he ought."—*fo.* 177.

1602, April 1.—Lease to William Morgan *alias* Williams of Wells, woollen draper, for the lives of George Upton of Wells, esq., Edward Bisse and Upton Bisse, sons of Edward Bisse of Spargrove, co. Somerset, gent., of the rectory and

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parsonage of the parish and parish church of St. Cuthbert, and the barn called Canon Barne with two courts and yards adjoining thereto, and all tithes, etc., and profits, etc.; except perquisites of court, etc., and the prison and the house used for the same, and the pound adjoining the barn, and the right to hold courts in the barn as heretofore accustomed, and the advowson of the vicarage; rent 40*l.*; lessee to keep St. Cuthbert's chancel in repair.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 182*d.*]

[There is here a gap of nearly three years.]

1604–1605.

1604–5, Jan. 12.—Proceedings against William Moore, a vicar-choral.

Wheras the rev. father in God, the bishop of Landaffe [Francis Godwin], by his letters missive, bearing date the viijth day of Januarie, a.d. 1604, hath signefied unto the deane and chapter of this churche that not longe since William Moore and the widow Sarney passed throughe Chepstowe towards Ragland. And he the said rev. father, suspecting that to be the cause of their jorney which now appeareth, made inquirie after them the best he could. But they carryed their busynesses so closeley as that he could not come to perfect notice of anie thing. But that the deane and chapter maye be able to guesse at their arrand as well as him selfe. Wherupon he signified that Walter Powell, mencioned in their letters formerly sent unto him the said rev. father, is a priest ordered in Queene Marie's daies, and being somtymes beneficed in this diocese of Landaff gave over his lyvinge some thirtye yeres since, contynewinge all this space a recusant. And for manie yeres before his comynge thither, hath ben accompted a comon masse-monger. He is a runagate, abiding in no certen place, but lurketh for the most part about Ragland, as he heard, for marriges and christenings with masses: he, the said rev. father, hath complayned him to the lord president, to the late archebusshopp [Whitgift], and to the judges of assises. All which notwithstanding, doe what he can, he contyneweth these courses. But he hopeth er longe to have order for him and other of his sort. And this is all he can certifie the chapter concerning this matter, the consideracion whereof he comytted to the chapter; etc.

Now upon the receipt and perusing of the said letter, the deane and chapter of Wells aforesaid, in regard that the said William More, one of the vicars-chorall of the cathedrall church of Wells, confessed in open chapter, as appeareth by act made in court, that he was marryed by the said Walter Powell to Mary Sarney, widow; and for as muche as yt appereth to the said deane and chapter that this foresaid marriage thus made doth conteyne in yt certen evident breaches against the order and locall statutes and the jurisdiction of the said cathedral churche, and also semeth to conteyne in yt certen

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matters of greater qualitie against the politicall lawes of this kingdome then apperteyne to their censure,—the said deane and chapter, reserving to them selves their said jurisdiction ecclesiasticall of this cathedrall church, thought good to referr the said breaches of the politicall lawes, by waie of notice, to the lord bisshop of Bathe and Wells, as a justice of peace of this countie, and that under their seale of office.—*fo.* 178*d.*

1604–5, Jan. 24.—The said William Moore is cited to appear on April 3, to answer to the charge of having married, without banns or license, Mrs. Marie Sarney, a recusant, and an excommunicate person, he thereby breaking the statutes of the house and church.—*fo.* 179.

1605, April 3.—*In ecclesia cathedrali Wellensis, juxta horalogium ibidem . . . inhibitum fuit prefatis venerabilibus viris* [*i.e.* the dean and chapter] *virtute literarum inhibitoriarum . . . Richardi* [Bancroft], *Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, per Petrum Lane, mandatarium.* [No details or explanation are given.]—*fo.* 179*d.*

1605, Sept. 28.—John Worth, M.A., installed in the prebend of Barton Davy, pursuant to the mandate of the bishop, *vice* Thomas Drope, S.T.B., resigned.—*fo.* 180*d.*

1605–1606.

1605, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors : John Borne and James Bisse.
Baron of the exchequer : William Powell.
Master of the fabric : William Powell.
Surveyors of houses : William Powell and James Bisse.
Communar : Philip Bisse.
Escheator : Richard Mason.
Tabellar : John Clerke.
Bailiff and cursor : William Sawier.
John Welshman *alias* Gorman is appointed apparitor.—*fo.* 181*d.*
John Bowrne, S.T.D., canon residentiary, is elected, nominated and appointed to exercise all and all manner of jurisdiction ecclesiastical and spiritual, belonging to the dean and chapter, by himself or his deputy, during pleasure.

1605, Oct. 5.—Mr. Thomas Sowthwarck [Sowthworth *in margin*], counsellor at law, is elected surveyor of all lordships, lands or tenements belonging to the cathedral or to the dean and chapter ; he shall have a yearly " pension " of 40*s.* and shall exercise his office once a year.—*fo.* 184.
The dean protested that he would not give his consent to the confirmation of letters patent of the office of steward of this church to Sir John Portman, knight.

1605–1606.

Ordered that the sacrist "shall attend on every canon of this church when he shall preach in this church, and goe befor hym to the pulpitt."

1605, Oct. 20.—The bishop of Landaff, prebendary of St. Decuman's, is granted a dispensation from residence.—*fo.* 185.

1605, Oct. 30.—Certain statutes [not set out] for the better subordination of the vicars-choral were published.—*fo.* 192.

1605, Nov. 25.—James I to the dean and chapter.

Recommending Dr. Wright and Dr. Barker, the treasurer and chancellor, for the chapter to choose one of them to fill the place of a residentiary vacant by the death of Dr. Cottington, the other of them to be appointed on the next vacancy; "the same beinge, as we are informed, due unto ether of them, by course, custome and otherwise alsoe by your newe charter, which doth allowe the full number of eight residensaries . . . soe, yf ye shall use any delaie herein, our will and pleasure is then that you make your present repaire to the archbushoppe of Canterburie, whome wee have appointed and authorized to heare and determine the right and equitie which these two parsons have herein." Given under our signet at our palace of Westminster.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 202*d.*]

1605, Nov. 30.*—John Clerk, vicar-choral and one of the principal vicars, for refusing to admit into the house of the vicars-choral one John Fido, in deacon's orders, who had been chosen a vicar-choral for a year's probation by the dean and chapter, was suspended from all emoluments of his office until Michaelmas next. "And further the sayd deane and chapter did warne and requier the said John Clerck, accordyng to the statutes of this church and the stall he hath in the said Cathedrall Church as a vicare-chorall ther, under payn of amotion from his place in the said quier, to procure hym self to be in orders of a decon betwixt this day and the feast of St. Michaell the Archangell next followyng."—*fo.* 193.

1605, Dec. 6.—Ordered "that Mr. Deane shall have an advowson made unto twoe such persons as he shall name of trust to his use, of the vicaridg of St. Cuthbert's in Wells, for the first and next avoydance of the same vicaridg, whensoever it shall happen by death, resignacion or any other avoydance of Mr. Paule Methwyne, now vicare and incumbent there, to the intent that it may be conferred upon the said Mr. Deane of the cathedrall church of Wells after the next avoydance."—*fo.* 186.

* The entries of this chapter are given on fol. 192, out of order. This order was probably made on July 6, 1606.

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1605-6, March 10.—Richard Boughton, S.T.B., installed by proxy in the prebend of Compton Dundon and precentor of the cathedral, pursuant to the mandate of the bishop.—*fos.* 187, 187*d.*

1606, May 30.—At Lambehith, before Richard [Bancroft], archbishop of Canterbury.

This daie appeared personallie Mr. Doctor Barker, chauncelor of the cathedrall church of Wells, togeather with Mr. Deane of Wells [Benjamin Heydon], Mr. Doctor Bisse and Mr. Doctor Langworth, cannons residentarie of the same church. And then Sir Thomas Crompton, beinge of counsell for the said Mr. Doctor Barker and for Mr. Doctor Wright, another member of the same church, humblie desired that accordinge to an order taken by his grace, authorized thereunto by his highnes, the said Mr. Doctor Barker or Mr. Doctor Wright might be elected and chosen into the roome of a cannon residentarie of the same church, to supplie the number of eight, their beinge nowe but seaven, by reason of the death of Mr. Doctor Cottington. Whereuppon, the saide most reverend father, havinge nowe deliberatelie heard the matter on both sides, at length, and for perticuler consideracions then insisted uppon on the behalf of the saide Mr. Doctor Barker aforesaide, did admonishe and require the saide Mr. Deane of Wells, Doctor Bisse and Doctor Langworth, in his majestie's name, and by vertue of his highnes' letters authorizinge his grace to heare and determine the saide cause, to elect and choose him the saide Doctor Barker into the roome and place of a cannon residentarie of the saide church (nowe beinge voide) at the next chapter ; and his grace did further signifie that he thought it agreeable to right and equitie and his majestie's gracious will and pleasure, that uppon the next vacancie ensuinge Doctor Wright should be alsoe elected and admitted residentarie, whereof he likewise required them to have consideracion. Whereunto the saide Mr. Deane, Mr. Doctor Bisse and Mr. Doctor Langworth, for their partes yeelded their consentes. And then it was ordered that the saide Mr. Doctor Barker, uppon his admission to be residentarie as aforesaide, by himself or his deputie shall reade the divinitie lecture appointed to be reade in the saide cathedrall church of Wells, at such times and in such manner as hath ben heretofore usuallie reade by the chauncelor or his deputie or deputies in the saide church.

Present, the bishop of Wells, Sir Christopher Parkins, knight, the dean of St. Paul's, the dean of the cathedral church of Westminster, William Ferrand, LL.D., and many others.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 203.]

1606, June 13.—John Aglionbye, S.T.D., installed by proxy in the prebend of Combe V, pursuant to the mandate of the archbishop of Canterbury.—*fo.* 188*d.*

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1606, July 1.—Ordered "that hereafter ther shalbe a forme of a lease, to be drawen by the advise of three sufficient men lerned in the lawe, by the which all leases hereafter shalbe drawen; and it is ordered that he that shall have the next lease to be sealed shall paie the charges and fees due to the said lawyers. Note, that Mr. Deane and ij other of the canons shalbe present and shall geve directions and conferr with the counsell about the form of drawyng the lease aforesaid. —*fo.* 189.

Ordered that the bishop of Llandaff [Francis Godwin] may have "six timber trees, to be taken out of their manners of Winscombe, Allerton and Congresbury, towardes the reparacion of a tenement, the said Lo. Busshopp howse of the church land in Congresbury."

1606, July 2.—The steward for the time being, at the end of his stewardship, shall deliver to the dean and chapter a book containing the grants made in his time.—*fo.* 189*d.*

1606, July 19.—The archbishop of Canterbury to the dean and chapter.

"I understand you refuse or delaie to performe the order which, in the cause of a residentiarishippe lately voide, committed unto me by speciall reference from his majestie, I sett downe uppon the hearinge thereof, as most agreeable in my judgement to your statutes and to equitie and right. I wishe you yet once againe frendlie to be better advised. And least any of your companie should pretend ignorance of the saide order, I have sent a coppie thereof heareinclosed, requiringe you in his majestie's name (whoe hath referred this matter to me to be determined and ordered) that you see the saide order, sett downe by mee therein, to be presentlie put in execucion and performed, or, in default thereof, that everie one of you refusinge to obaie and fulfill the saide order, doe make your personall apparance before me at Lambeth, the eight daie after the receipte hereof, to answeare your contempte in that behalf. Whereof I require you not to faile, as you will answeare the contrarie at your further perill. Lambeth.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 203.]

1606, Aug. 8.—Robert Wright, S.T.D., treasurer, admitted canon residentiary, upon depositing 100*l.* as caution money.—*fo.* 193*d.*

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1606, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors: John Langworth and James Bisse.
Baron of the exchequer: William Powell.
Master of the fabric: William Powell.
Surveyors of houses: William Powell and James Bisse.

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Communar : Phillip Bisse.
Escheator : Robert Marwood.
Tabellar : William More.
Bailiff and cursor : William Sawier.

1606, Oct. 1.—Ordered " that hereafter nether the schollers of the Gramer Schoole nor any other shall play in the cloysters at any tyme, and that notice shalbe geven to Mr. Evans to forbide his schollers."—*fo.* 197.

Ordered " that yf the said Mr. Deane or any of the canons residenciaryes of this church, that now is and hereafter shalbe, shalbe absent from this church uppon any Sonday, holliday or any other day, to preache and returne home, one day betwixt the same day that he preacheth on shalbe a day of residence, as yf he weare at home and kept his residence in the said cathedrall church."

Every dignitary, canon or prebendary, bound to preach in the church, who shall omit to do so in his turn, shall be suspended on the citation of the president [?].

Mr. Mark Tabor is granted the office of registrar of the archdeaconry of Wells, for the lives of himself, Francis his son and Henry Luellin.

The days for ministering the communion are to be set in the table of preaching, and it is to be ministered by a canon once in the year, according to an order heretofore made, and so monthly by a canon in his turn or some other canon. The minister shall give notice publicly in the church the Sunday next before the monthly Sunday. The vicars are to be admonished to come to the communion. The canons are to take care that their servants receive the holy eucharist monthly.—*fo.* 197*d.*

Humfrey Willis submitted himself to the chapter and confessed " that he procured matrimony to be solemnized in the cathedral church of Welles betwixt hym self and Martha Drury, now his pretended wife, at an unlawfull hower, without bannes published and without any licens obtayned," namely, on September 15 last, between 8 and 9 a.m., by one Sir Thomas Smith, clerk, late curate of Lullington. He was pronounced excommunicated.—*fo.* 198.

Martha Drury, *alias* Willis, was excommunicated for the like, and also Hugh Hallett for being present at the " pretensed mariadg."—*fo.* 198*d.*

1606, Oct. 3.—William Smith, servant [*famulus*] of Mr. James Bisse, for " that about August last past, uppon a Saboth Day after evenyng prayer, he did spett in the face of Hugh Mead, one of the constables of the citye of Wells, in the chancell dore of the cathedrall church of Wells."—*fo.* 199*d.*

1606, Oct. 22.—Mr. D. Powell shall have out of the church cambry so many stones as shalbe needfull for

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hym in his buildyng of his canonicall howse in Mountroy Lane.—*fo.* 201.

1606, Nov. 13.—It appears from statutes and ordinances in the records of the cathedral that in times past the schoolmaster [*ludimagister*] was vicar of the prebend of Bitsham and was admitted to a stall in the choir and to the vicarial habit [*habitum vicarialem*]; Mr. William Evans, now schoolmaster of the church, is so admitted, with all emoluments.—*fo.* 202.

1606, Nov. 15.—Resignation of Mr. William Evans, B.A., of the office of schoolmaster of the schools of the church, and his appointment by Dr. William Barker, the chancellor, as master of the scholars of the grammar school of the church, his admission as vicar of the prebend of Bidesham and to a stall in the choir and to the vicarial habit.

1606, Nov. 30.—John Bellame or Bellamy and John Corne admitted perpetual vicars-choral.—*fo.* 203.

1606–7, Jan. 2.—Ordered "that Mr. Deane and Mr. D. Wright shall have ther equall divident with the rest of the canons residents of this church, they makyng only three moneths residency in the said church, in as ample manner as if they had mad their full fower moneths residency."—*fo.* 204.

1607, April 1.—The bishop of Llandaff is excused from residence for one year from Michaelmas next.—*fo.* 204*d.*

Ordered "that a peticion shalbe drawen and made by the deane and chapter unto my lord's grace of Canterbury, for reformacion of the negligenc of preaching in the said cathedrall church."—*fo.* 204*d.*

Ordered "that all the vicares-chorales shall be removed to the hier roomes or stalls, and dores to be mad to them at the charg of the chapter; and the choristers to be placed in the lower roomes or stalls, and those to be raysed; a desk and dores to all to be ordered by the judgment of the deane."—*fo.* 205.

The patent of the alms-house lands is revoked; a new one is to be sealed to Dr. Ph. Bisse, Dr. Powell, Dr. Bourne and Dr. Ja. Bisse, or to any three or two of them, the dean being one.

Ordered "that Mr. Deane shall have stones out of the cambery sufficient towardes the repairyng of his howse; and after he hath sufficient to serve, Mr. D. Powell to be served, accordyng to the former graunt."—*fo.* 205.

Ordered "that the clerkes of the church be required to attend more diligently the church, and to sweep and keep the same cleane. And that a seate be mad in the body of the church on the north side, answerable to the other over right agaynst it."

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The pathway from the dean's house through the churchyard to the church to be "pitched," and half the highway between the dean's house and the churchyard wall to be mended and "pitched," at the cost of the dean and chapter.

Ordered "that frome henceforth every prebendary to be installed shall take out his letters testimonials uppon ther installacion, and paie such ordinary fees as have been usually payed."

Thomas Maicock [the chapter clerk] is to have a pension of 53*s.* 4*d.* a year for life.

1607, April 2.—Those present promise *in verbis bonorum virorum* to renew to Edward Heyden, gent., and his assigns, a lease of the tithe hay and woods specified in a lease of this date, until a good and sufficient lease be made to him.

Benjamin Heydon, decan.
Francisc. Landaven.
Philipp Bisse.
Ja. Bisse.

—*fo.* 205*d.*

1607, July 1.—James Bisse, S.T.D., sub-dean, is elected steward for two years from Michaelmas next, reserving the jurisdictions of Winsham, Comb and Niwlin [?] to the dean. —*fo.* 206.

Sir Edward Tynes, clerk, vicar-choral, is to have a pension of 40*s.* a year during good behaviour.

1607, Aug. 15.—John Still, A.M., installed in the prebend of Warmister otherwise Luxfield, vacant by the death of James Bill, pursuant to a mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 207.

1607, Aug. 17.—Henry Allen, A.M., installed in the prebend of Combe X, vacant by the death of Paul Methwyn, pursuant to a mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 207*d.*

1607, Sept. 1.—Adam [*Adamas*] Abraham installed in the prebend of Barton Davy, vacant by the death of John Worth, pursuant to a mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 208.

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1607, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors: Robert Wright and James Bisse.
Baron of the exchequer: William Powell.
Master of the fabric: Robert Wright.
Surveyors of houses: Robert Wright and John Bourne.
Communar: William Powell.
Escheator: Roger Rugg or William Moore.
Tabellar: William Moore.
Bailiff and cursor: William Sawier.

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1607, Oct. 26.—Thomas Stevens collated to the rectory of the parish church or chapel of Allerton, on the resignation of John Farrant, the last incumbent.—*fo.* 210.

1607, Nov. 21.—Richard Meridith, S.T.B., installed as dean of Wells, and also in the prebend of Curry, annexed to the office of dean, vacant by the death of Benjamin Heidon, S.T.D., pursuant to a mandate of the king.—*fo.* 211.

1607, Nov. 26.—The vicars-choral were admonished to attend the cathedral church more frequently, and not to go out of their close into the city without gowns [*non togati*].—*fo.* 212.

Edward Tynes is admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 212*d.*

John Corne, vicar-choral, was charged with using "very unreverent wordes of the canons of this church, viz. that he cared not a fart for any of the doctors of this church."

1607, Nov. 27.—Witnesses deposed to the truth of the charge against John Corne. He was ordered to make confession upon his knees the next day in the chapter house and on the following Sunday in the cathedral at morning service.—*fo.* 213.

1607, Nov. 28.—The canon's house, late inhabited by Mr. James Bisse, the sub-dean, now deceased, is granted to Mr. Robert Wright, S.T.D., the treasurer of the cathedral, for life or so long as he shall remain a canon resident.—*fo.* 213*d.*

1607, Dec. 16.—A commission granted to Dr. Philip Bisse, Dr. Wright, Dr. William Powell and Dr. John Bowrne, or any three of them, to hold courts and to demise or grant the lands of the alms house of the city of Wells.—*fo.* 214*d.*

1607, Dec. 19.—Mr. John Langworth is chosen steward and official, in place of James Bisse, deceased, for two years ending at Michaelmas, 1609. If Mr. Langworth be unwilling to serve, Dr. Wright is chosen.

1607–8, Jan. 2.—Dr. Langworth having declined the office of steward, Dr. Wright is chosen steward and official of peculiar jurisdictions belonging to the dean and chapter.*—*fo.* 1.

Dr. Langworth is dispensed from residence as from Michaelmas next.

Grant of the office of auditor to Nicholas Weeks and Edward his son.—*fo.* 1*d.*

Mr. William Barker, S.T.D., chancellor of the cathedral, admitted a canon residentiary, upon depositing 100*l.* as caution money; he shall begin his residence on October 2, 1608, and

* A new volume of Chapter Acts begins here.

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shall not participate in the canons' emoluments until then; if he die before then the 100*l.* shall be returned to his executors, administrators or assigns.—*fo.* 2.

1607–8, Jan. 4.—Ordered "that every canon residentiary of this church and all others that have any recordes, bookes or other evidences appertaynyng to the cathedrall church, shall bring them in to the chapter howse the first day of Aprill next; and that the master of the fabrick shall make a chest with three lockes and keyes, to be sett in the exchequer, wherin the recordes appertaynyng to the church shalbe kept."—*fo.* 3.

Thomas Maicock's patent of a pension of 53*s.* 4*d.* was sealed.

Ordered "that Mr. D. Powell shall have so many stones out of the ruynes and foundacions of the ruinated chapple in the church cambry, towards the buildyng of his howse, as shalbe allowed hym by the Mr. of the Fabrick or his deputy."

Ordered "that Mr. D. Wright shall with all convenient speed mak and provid lockes and keyes for the archives, the chest wherein the chapter seale lyeth, and all other necessary places about the church."

1607–8, Jan. 18.—Dean Meredith admitted a canon residentiary upon depositing 100*l.* as caution money; he shall begin his residence on October 1, 1608, and shall not participate in the canons' emoluments until then; if he die before then the 100*l.* shall be returned to his executors or assigns.—*fo.* 3*d.*

No one shall henceforth be admitted as a canon residentiary except at a quarterly general chapter.

1607–8, Feb. 26.—John Still, B.A., in the person of Thomas Hall, clerk, installed as sub-dean and in the prebend of Compton Episcopi, in place of Dr. James Bisse, deceased, pursuant to a mandate of Bishop John [Still]. [Crossed out and marked *vacat.*]—*fos.* 4, 4*d.*

1607–8, March 22.—*Congé d'élire* for Dr. James Montague as bishop of Bath and Wells.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 205.]

1608, March 29.—Election of James Mountague, S.T.D. dean of the Chapel Royal, to the bishopric of Wells, vacant by the death of John Still, pursuant to a *congé d'élire* under the great seal.—*fo.* 5.

1608, April 1.—All canons residentiary and others having in their possession any records, muniments, books, etc., concerning the cathedral are to bring the same into the chapter house this day.—*fo.* 5*d.*

The dean protested that hereafter no indenture should be made or granted or sealed with the seal of the dean and chapter

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without his consent, either verbal or written, being first obtained.

Robert Scott, S.T.B., sub-almoner to the king, installed in the prebend of Compton Episcopi, on the mandate of Richard [Bancroft], archbishop of Canterbury.—*fo.* 6.

And his installation as sub-dean of Wells.—*fo.* 6*d.*

Mr. Hugh Worth, of the city of Wells, esq., appointed to collect in the name of the dean and chapter the subsidy to be paid by clerks to the king within the diocese of Bath and Wells.—*fo.* 7.

1608, May 14.—Installation and enthronization of Dr. James Mountagu as bishop of Bath and Wells.—*fo.* 7*d.*

1608, July 1.—The excommunication of the ven. William Hinton, S.T.D., to be pronounced in the cathedral at divine service.—*fo.* 9.

Ordered "that whereas divers sommes of money are behynd and unpayed by divers persons and prebendaries of this church which ought to be payed to the fabrick of the said church, and that many somes so due are desperat and not to be recovered, the said desperat debtes shalbe remitted, and such as are recoverable the parties shalbe presently sued for the same, and that hereafter every man that ought to pay any somme of money to the said fabrick and shall not paie the same yearely by St. Andrewe's Day, the same shalbe presently after shued for."

Richard Mason, one of the vicars-choral, petitions the dean and chapter for oblations and other emoluments arising in the cathedral at Easter for the baptism of infants, marriages and burials. Ordered that "the said Mr. Mason shall have fyften shillings of the offerings geven at the funerall of the late busshopp deceast, and that the rest to be distributed as followeth, vizt. x*s.* to Mr. Bayly, five shillings to the widow Lacy, and the rest to be geven to the poore at the discretion of the deane and chapter."—*fo.* 9*d.*

1608, Sept. 5.—Gerard Woodd, M.A., installed in the prebend of Milverton II, vacant by the death of William Watkinson, S.T.B., pursuant to a mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 10.

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1608, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors: Robert Wright and John Bourne.
Baron of the exchequer: Philip Bisse.
Master of the fabric: Robert Wright.
Surveyors of houses: [William] Barker and William Powell.
Communar: William Powell.
Escheator: Walter Tailor.
Tabellar: Robert Marwood.
Bailiff and cursor: William Sawier.

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1608, Oct. 1.—Ordered "that no canon resident of this cathedral church at any tyme hereafter shall appeare by any proxie or proctor, neither shall have any benefitt of his voyce in the chapter howse for any affares or busines whatsoever to be handled and determined in the chapter howse unlest he be personally present in the chapter howse, or unlest he be in the towne sick and cannott be personally present."—*fo.* 12.

James Weare is admitted as vicar-choral and organist for a year of probation; the stall belonging to the prebend of Combe II is assigned to him.

The stall belonging to the prebend of Combe VII is assigned to Mr. William More, one of the vicars-choral.

Ordered "that yf the deane or any dignity beying canon resident of this church shall make his residence xij weeks in every yeare and shall happen to dy at the end of the xij weekes before he hath fylled upp his residence of xvj weeks, he shall have his full divident and all other commodytyes belonging to every of them in as large and ample manner as if he had lived his full residency of xvj weekes. . . ."

1608, Oct. 3.—Ordered "that yf any stranger whatsoever or any other dwellyng within the liberty of the cathedral church of Wells that shall hereafter be buryed in the body of the said church or Our Lady Chappell, except any canon resident or any of their famyly, shall hereafter pay for breakyng the ground for the grave xx*s.* and for every peale [?] iij*s.* 4*d.*; yf in any ile about the chancell or quier, then he shall pay xxx*s.*; and yf he be buryed in the chancell, it shall be at the pleasure of the deane and chapter."—*fo.* 13*d.*

1608, Oct. 12.—Richard Hadley, B.A., installed in the prebend of Eastharptrie, vacant by the resignation of William Jones, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 15*d.*

1608, Dec. 17.—John Brent, the sacrist, William West, John Elliott and John Coxe, clerks of the church, are admonished "that they doe ring coverfoy hereafter as they weare wont to doe, and performe their duties in better forme hereafter."—*fo.* 18.

1608–9, March 1.—Ordered "that the vicars-choralls of the cathedrall church shall, before the first of Aprill next commyng, unto the deane and chapter . . . disclayme and withdrawe all actions, suites and complayntes heretofore had and mad by tham or any of them in the behalf of the wholl company of them, viz. concernyng *stipendia vicariorum*, stall wages, chetry [?] and ther dyett at the master's table . . . and shall submitt them selves to the deane and chapter . . ." The submission is to be made under their common seal.—*fo.* 21.

1608–1609.

1609, April 1.—Lease of a house in Mountroy Lane, newly built by Dr. William Powell, to him and his assigns, for three lives.—*fo.* 21*d.*

1609, July 1.—Mr. William Barker, S.T.D., is appointed steward of the church and official of the peculiar jurisdictions belonging thereto, for two years from Michaelmas next.—*fo.* 23.

Thomas Bisse, M.A., installed in the prebend of Taunton, vacant by the resignation of John Farrar, M.A., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 23*d.*

1609, July 3.—Richard Montague, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Combe III, vacant by the death of Edward Powell, M.A., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 24.

1609, July 28.—William Hall, M.A., vicar of St. Cuthbert's, having resigned, Richard Meridith, S.T.B., is appointed "*racione sortis*, anglice by reason of his ball."—*fo.* 25.

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1609, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors: [William] Barker and John Bourne.
Baron of the exchequer: Philip Bisse.
Master of the fabric: Robert Wright.
Surveyors of houses: [William] Barker and William Powell.
Communar: William Powell.
Escheator: Roger Rugg.
Tabellar: John Clerke.
Bailiff and cursor: William Sawier.

1609, Oct. 2.—A letter was read, dated September 15, 1609, from Dr. John Langworth, archdeacon of Wells, resigning his residency in the cathedral church of Wells. Mr. Richard Bowghton, S.T.B., the precentor, thereupon appeared, and prayed to be admitted among the canons resident and to the place of residency with its rights and appurtenances. He was elected and admitted accordingly, and thereupon paid his caution money of 100*l.* Mr. Bowghton then read another letter from Dr. Langworth, dated August 1, 1609, assigning to Mr. Bowghton all emoluments and arrears belonging to him by virtue of his residency as from October 23rd instant. This was so decreed.—*fo.* 26.

Ordered "that the aforesaid Mr. D. Langworth, in respect that he is archdeacon of the archdeaconry of Wells founded in this cathedrall church, he shall never hereafter in regard thereof challenge any residency or place of residency in the said cathedrall church of Wells nor any profitts appertainynge to a canon resident of the said church.—*fo.* 27.

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Mr. Samuel Bisse, M.A., is appointed registrar of the archdeaconry of Taunton, for the lives of himself, Richard Peck of Trull and William Peck his son.

The bishop of Llandaff shall be allowed his residency, with all profits, etc., without making petition yearly to the dean and chapter.

James Weare admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.

Grant of the jurisdiction of the archdeaconry of Wells to Francis James, LL.D., for life; he must give bond in 100*l.* to pay all tenths, subsidies and duties that Dr. Langworth, now archdeacon of Wells, and his successors, ought to pay to the king "in respect of the jurisdiction apperteyning to the said archdeaconry of Wells."—*fo.* 27*d.*

1609–10, Jan. 2.—Ordered "that in consideration the late Lord Busshopp Still, busshopp of Bath and Wells, deceased, gave unto the said deane and canons legacies, and for that his executor hath built a faire monument in the choyer of the said church, the said deane and chapter are pleased to accept the somme of xl*s.* in respect of the breakyng of the soyle of the choyer for his grave and placyng his monument there." —*fo.* 28*d.*

Ordered "that from henceforth uppon the fower quarter chapter dayes the vicars shall begynn service at viij of the clock, and that the deane and all the canon residensaryes then at home shall be at service in their ornamentes, and from thence to goe to the chapter howse."

1609–10, Jan. 3.—100*l.* granted to the dean.—*fo.* 29.

The steward need only entertain in the audit week, at the time of the steward's feast, the bishop (if he be present), the dean and canons residentiary, and the accustomed officers, with their bailiffs and reeves, for four days. —*fo.* 29.

The communar's audit breakfast is to be for three days, at the second account.

1610, July 21.—Norwich Spackman, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe V, vacant by the death of John Eglionsby, S.T.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 31*d.*

1610, July 27.—Samuel Ward, S.T.D., installed in the prebend of Yatton, vacant by the death of Richard Woode, S.T.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 32.

1610, July 30.—Ordered "that the chancell of the church of Winscombe beyng now by the negligence and oversight sett on fyer, that the same shall be amended and the roof sett upp and covered with hard tyle." [Crossed out and marked *vacatt ex mandato decani.*]—*fo.* 32*d.*

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1610, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors: John Borne and Richard Boughton.
Baron of the exchequer: Philip Bisse.
Master of the fabric: Robert Wright.
Surveyors of houses: William Powell and Richard Boughton.
Communar: William Powell.
Escheator: Robert Marwood.
Tabellar: John Clerke.
Bailiff and cursor: William Sawier.

1610, Oct. 24.—Ordered "that from hencforth the deane and the canon residentiaryes of the said church, every one in their severall places and dignityes, shall, by them selves or by some other sufficient, keep their turnes in preching uppon thes dayes followyng, viz. the 24 of March, the fift of August, the fift of November, and at the Quarter Sessions yearly heald at Wells."—*fo.* 34.

1610, Dec. 15.—Richard Eaton, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of St. Decuman, vacant by the resignation of Peter Brewer *alias* More, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 34*d.*

1610–1, Jan. 2.—Mr. William Barloe, prebendary of Wilvelscombe, not having appeared when summoned, is pronounced contumacious and excommunicated.—*fo.* 35.

1610–1, Jan. 30.—Matthew White is admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 36.

1610–1, March 4.—John Riesley, gentleman, is appointed for life keeper of the manor or mansion of Banwell and of the bishop's park there, and bailiff of the hundred of Winterstoke. —*fo.* 36*d.*

1611, April 1.—From henceforth no leases are to be sealed but such as pass under the chapter clerk's hand.—*fo.* 37.

1611, May 14.—Gerard Wood, S.T.B., installed as archdeacon of Wells and in the prebend of Huishe and Brent, pursuant to mandate of the bishop. He undertook to pay 40*l.* for his portion of the pension due by reason of the dignity of the archdeaconry, before Michaelmas, 1613. —*fo.* 37*d.*

Per me Gerard Wood, Archidiac' Wellins'.

1611, July 2.—Mr. Richard Bowghton is appointed steward for two years from Michaelmas next.—*fo.* 41.

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1611, Aug. 10.—Richard Todd, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe X, vacant by the resignation of Henry Allen, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 41*d.*

1611, Aug. 31.—Richard Montague, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Tymberscombe, vacant by the death of Mr. Huishe, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 42.

1611, Sept. 5.—Timothy Revett, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Milverton II, vacant by the resignation of Gerard Woodd, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 43.

1611, Sept. 19.—Leonard Mawe, S.T.D., installed in the prebend of Combe III, vacant by the resignation of Richard Montague, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 43*d.*

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1611, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors: Robert Wright and John Bourne.
Baron of the exchequer: Philip Bisse.
Master of the fabric: Robert Wright.
Surveyors of houses: William Powell and Richard Boughton.
Communar: William Powell.
Escheator: John Clerke.
Tabellar: Matthew White.
Bailiff and cursor: William Sawier.

1611, Oct. 1.—The offices of keeper of the bishop's palace at Wells and of the house or prison within the palace, called the Cowehouse, bailiff of the bishop's stock, and warden of all his woods and underwoods, granted to John Lund and his assigns, for the lives of himself, Maurice Lund his son and Edward Perham, knight.—*fo.* 45.

1611, Oct. 29.—Gerard Woodd, S.T.B., archdeacon of Wells and prebendary of Brent and Huishe, on payment of 100*l.* as caution money, is admitted as a canon residentiary, pursuant to letters of the bishop; he shall not have any emolument as such nor take part [*intromittat*] in any business of the chapter before October 1, 1612.—*fo.* 46*d.*
Gerardus Wood, Archid. Wellen.

1611, Oct. 30.—If Mr. Wood shall die before October 1, 1612, his 100*l.* caution money shall be repaid to his executors, administrators or assigns.—*fo.* 47*d.*

1611, Nov. 6.—Dr. Wright and Dr. Powell shall go to London this term, "and ther follow all the businesses concernyng the state of the said cathedrall church;" they shall be allowed

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"there dayes of absenc in complement of their residency" and their charges "accordyng to the usuall allowances in like cases."—*fo.* 48.

1611, Nov. 22.—John Young, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Dulcott *alias* Dultingcott *alias* Tyngest *alias* Fingest, and in the office of chancellor of the cathedral church of Wells, vacant by the death of William Barker, S.T.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 48*d.*

1611–2, Jan. 2.—John Still, prebendary of Warmister *alias* Luxfield, paid 8*l.* for a stipend called "stall wages," by reason of his prebend.—*fo.* 50*d.*

The office of registrar to the dean was granted to Nicholas Willuby and his assigns, for the lives of Francis Willuby his son, and of John and William Owen, sons of Robert Owen of Wells, deceased.

1611–2, Jan. 3.—Ordered "that from hencforth no dignity nor prebendary shalbe installed but he shall presentely tak letters testimoniall, *sub sigillo ad causas*, and shall pay x*s.* 4*d.*, viz. vj*s.* 8*d.* to the deane and chapter and 3*s.* 4*d.* to the chapter clerke, and for wax iiij*d.*"—*fo.* 51*d.*

"It is decreed that yf any whosoever shall henceforth be buryed in the Palme Churchyeardd [he shall pay] ij*s.*, in the cloysters vj*s.* viij*d.*, and shall cover the said grave with a faire free stone.

"Yf any be buryed in the sowth or north iles of the body of the church, he shall pay x*s.*, and shall cover the said grave with a faire toome stone.

"Yf any be buryed in the body of the churche, then shalbe payed for the said grave xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, and that same shall be covered with a faire toome stone.

"Yf any shalbe buryed in the north ile or sowth ile, by the clock or the font, shall be payed xx*s.*, and the grave shalbe covered with a fair toome stone.

"Yf any shalbe buryed in the north or sowth iles of the choyer or in the chappell called the Lady Chappell, or any other of the syd chappells in the said church, ther shalbe payed for such grave xxvj*s.* viij*d.*, and shall cover the said grave with a faire toome stone.—*fo.* 52.

"Yf any shalbe buryed in the choyer of the said church, he shall pay xl*s.*, and shall cover the grave with a faire marble stone proportionable to the grave.

"Yf a busshopp be buryed in the choyer of the said church or els where, shall be payed vj*li.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*; and yf any busshopp will have a monument, then to agree with the deane and chapter for the grownd.

"And yf either the deane, canons resident or any other, be buryed in the choyer and shall desier to have a monument erected, he shall agree with the deane and chapter for the grownd.

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"And yf any other shall desier to have any monument erected in any other parte of the church, the deane and chapter shalbe compownded [with] for the grownd.

"And it is further ordered and decreed that all the profittes that shall accrue and aryse by reason of the premisses, the same shalbe wholy and entierly imployed to the benefitt of the fabrick of the said church, and to be accompted for yearly by the master of the fabrick.

"Yf any beyng buryed in or about the said cathedrall church, and hath his knell roung with the biggest bell of the smale bells, he shall paie xij*d.*, and for every peale of the said bells xij*d.* And yf any hath his knell wrong with the common sermon bell, shalbe payed iij*s.* iiij*d.* And for every peale roung with the great bells, without the bell called Horewell, he shall payed [*sic*] iij*s.* iiij*d.*, and yf he hath his knell with Horewell, to pay vj*s.* viij*d.*; and if ther be a peale rong with Horewell and the other great bells, there shall be payed for every peale vj*s.* viij*d.* Provyded that no peale shalbe rong longer then half an hower.

"And it is ordered that all the benefitt hereby arysing shall be imployed to the benefitt of the fabrike.—*fo.* 52*d.*

"And it is further decreed that ther shalbe no ringing but by the leav or consent of the deane or some one of the canons resident."

"It is ordered that uppon every Allholloday all and every prebendary that hath not payed his stall wages by that day, shall be cited uppon his stall to pay the same by St. Andrewe's day then next followyng; and that yf the prebendary shall not then mak satisfaction or apparanc, then the deane and chapter to congregat in the chapter howse, to proceed agaynst the said prebendary for his contempt."

1611–12, Jan. 4.—The dean and every canon resident shall before April 1 next bring to the chapter house all books, records and muniments belonging to the church, now in his custody, "uppon payne of loosinge every one his quotidians."—*fo.* 53.

All "counterpanes of leases" are to be brought into the "chequer" and put into a chest.

1611–12, March 3.—Matthew Woolf, M.A., presented to the vicarage of the parish church of Winscombe, vacant by the death of John Williams [? *Willelmi*].—*fo.* 54.

1612, June 3.—All canons resident and prebendaries having been duly summoned to attend this day, all those not appearing were declared contumacious. It was agreed by those present that, for the repairs of the fabric of the cathedral and of the bells and other necessary ornaments, they would for three years contribute one tenth of all incomings and rents, the first payment to be made at Michaelmas next.—*fo.* 55.

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1612, July 1.—Further consideration of the ruinous and dilapidated state of the church, the ornaments and bells. Ordered that the contribution of one tenth of the income of his dignity or prebend should be compulsory on every canon residentiary and prebendary for three years, to be paid to the master of the fabric.—*fo.* 57.

Ordered "that a letter from the deane and chapter shalbe written to Mr. Nathaniel Still, to signify unto hym that wheras his father, late busshopp of Bath and Wells, deceased, in his last will and testament did geve ordayne that 500*li.* showld, within a tyme limited in his testament, be imployed either in the new building of an almes howse for the releef of certayn poore people, or that the now almes howse in Wells showld be enlarged and more mayntenance added unto them of the howse; which allowance for more mayntenance for them and others, the same not beyng done accordyngly, the disposition and application of the said 500*li.* to th' effect aforesaid, should then accrue and come to the said deane and chapter,—the said deane and chapter have thought good to move [him] with all conveniency [?] to performe his father's will; or els the deane and chapter, intendyng to undertak the trust in this behalf by his said father in his said testament to them committed, purpos to call hym therto by such meanes as the lawe shall permitt."—*fo.* 57*d.*

Ordered "that wheras Richard Mason, late vicare chorall of this church, dyed so poore and left his wife in such poor estat that she could not paye for his grave, ringyng the bells and other requisites for his funerall, the said deane and chapter doe out of their favoure towardes her pay all manner of charges in this behalf required by a former decree."—*fo.* 58.

1612, Aug. 4.—Edward Biam, M.A., presented to the vicarage of the parish church of Dulverton, vacant by the resignation of John Wattes, on the nomination of Dr. Wright, to whom this vicarage fell on the last casting lots for ecclesiastical benefices.*—*fo.* 58*d.*

1612, Aug. 11.—Dr. Hinton, prebendary of Shalford *alias* Scamford, is absolved from the sentence of excommunication pronounced against him, on his humble petition presented by his proctor, and on payment of 40*s.* for the arrears of his "stall wages."—*fo.* 59.

1612, Sept. 12.—Richard Perman, clerk, installed in the prebend of Combe XV, vacant by the death of Edward Tynes, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 59*d.*

1612, Sept. 21.—Henry Allen, M.A., installed in the prebend of Milverton II, vacant by the resignation of Timothy Rivett, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 60*d.*

* On Oct. 18, 1611; *see fo.* 46.

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1612, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.

Auditors: Robert Wright and John Bourne.

Baron of the exchequer: Philip Bisse.

Master of the fabric: Robert Wright.

Surveyors of houses: William Powell and Richard Boughton.

Communar: William Powell.

Escheator: Robert Marwood.

Tabellar: William Taswell.

Bailiff and cursor: William Sawier.

Ordered "that from hencforth every canon resident when he shall first begynn his residency shall tak an oath *de fideliter et diligenter prestando officium* [*sic*] *canonici residentiarii*, and that all and every canon resident and any other that shall be chosen or admitted to any office in the church shall tak the lik oath, that as much as in them or any of them is to execut the office he shall undertak faythfully and diligently as much as in them lyeth."—*fo.* 61.

The oath was then taken by those present.—*fo.* 61*d.*

The office of register of the archdeaconry of Wells was granted to Bartholomew Tabor or his assigns for three lives.

The office of register of the archdeaconry of Taunton was granted to Richard Peck, notary public, and his assigns, for three lives.

1612, Oct. 1.—Dr. Wright and Dr. Powell are to go to London; and so long as they are about the business of the dean and chapter they shall be allowed their days of residence. —*fo.* 62.

The archdeacon of Wells "doth not consent to geve any allowanc out of his divydent towardes the allowanc geven to any residentiary absent and not abydyng here, but doth dissent from any such decree maid, if any be maid."

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"Memorandum that the precedent lease is cutt or taken out by consent of the deane and chapter, for that the acte which was therein contayned was nott fully agree upon by them."—*fo.* 63.

1612, Nov. 3.—George Cuthbert, M.A., installed in the prebend of Whitlackington, vacant by the death of John Touchinor.—*fo.* 65.

1613, April 1.—Edmund Tucker admitted a vicar-choral for a year of probation, and appointed organist.—*fo.* 66*d.*

1613, May 27.—Timothy Rivett, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Cuddworth with the chapel of Knowle, vacant by the death of Robert Newman, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 67.

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1613, May 28.—James Mabb, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wanstruw, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 68.

1613, July 1.—Mr. Gerard Woodd, archdeacon of Wells, is elected steward for two years.—*fo.* 69.

1613, July 3.—John Pellinge, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Ilton, vacant by the death of Abraham Conham, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 70.

1613, July 7.—Ordered that "whereas the master of the fabrick is now absent and that divers things concernyng [? it] are of necessity to be done by reason of the credible report of the queen's majestie's commyng to Wells, the repairing wherof doth appertayn to the office of the master of the fabrick, it is therefore ordered that the deane and chapter and every cannon resident of the said church now at home, shall be allowed such charges and expenses as they shall be att for repairing the necessaryes of the said church, vizt. bells, klippers, bell ropes, highwes, glasing of the windowes, and any other necessaries whatsoever.—*fo.* 71.

1613, July 26.—Robert Kelly, M.A., presented to the vicarage of the parish church of Lidiard Episcopi, vacant by the resignation of John Fluwell, S.T.B., on the nomination of Dr. Powell, to whom this vicarage fell on last casting lots for ecclesiastical benefices.*—*fo.* 71*d.*

1613, Aug. 4.—Richard Deane, clerk, appointed master, keeper and chaplain of the almshouse in the city of Wells, with the accustomed salary and emoluments; quarterly accounts to be submitted to the dean and the mayor of Wells. —*fo.* 72.

1613, Sept. 10.—Robert Withers, clerk, admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 73.

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1613, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors: Robert Wright and Richard Boughton.
Baron of the exchequer: John Bourne.
Master of the fabric: Richard Boughton.
Surveyors of houses: Gerard Wood and Richard Boughton.
Communar: William Powell.
Escheator: Robert Marwood.
Tabellar: [Robert] Withers.
Bailiff and cursor: William Sawier.

1613, Oct. 2.—William Bellsher admitted one of the clerks in the cathedral church, nominated by Dr. Wright, the treasurer, *ratione dignitatis suæ.*—*fo.* 75.

* On October 1, 1612; *see fo.* 62*d.*

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1613, Oct. 20.—The house in the liberty, lately inhabited by Dr. Philip Bisse, deceased, granted to Dr. Robert Wright, for life, if he shall so long continue a canon resident, Dr. John Bowrne having refused it. Dr. Wright's present house granted to Mr. Henry Allen, a prebendary.—*fo.* 75*d.*

1613, Nov. 2.—John Young, S.T.B., admitted a canon residentiary, pursuant to mandate of the bishop, on paying 100*l.* caution money.—*fo.* 76.

Per me Joannem Young.

1613, Nov. 15.—Peter Lily, S.T.D., installed as archdeacon of Taunton and prebendary of Milverton I, pursuant to mandate of the bishop, on the death of Philip Bisse.—*fo.* 78*d.*

1613–4, Jan. 3.—Confirmation of a grant by the bishop to Samuel Powell, gent., of "one plott or parcell of grownd of the great garden belonging to the canonicall howse in which William Powell," D.D., now dwells.—*fo.* 81.

1613–4, Jan. 5.—Ordered "that from henceforth ever hereafter every man admitted and installed to any prebende or canonry in this church, shall at his installment geve security and enter into bond in the sum of x*li.* to the deane and chapter," for the performance of his duties and for the payment of all sums due for stall wages or otherwise.—*fo.* 82.

A house in Wells, called the "Catterine Wheele," granted to Christopher Kempe for 40 years; for a fine of 80*l.*, payable in 8 audits.—*fo.* 82*d.*

1613–4, Jan. 29.—George Snook admitted a clerk of the cathedral church, *vice* William Belsher, resigned, on the nomination of Dr. Wright, the treasurer.—*fo.* 83*d.*

1613–4, March 22.—Richard Bowghton, S.T.B., elected comminar, *vice* Dr. William Powell, deceased.—*fo.* 84.

Dr. Wright appointed to represent the dean and chapter in convocation, pursuant to mandate of the bishop, with whom the dean and chapter nominated Drs. John Young, Peter Lilly and Gerard Woodd.

1614, March 26.—Richard Browne admitted vicar-choral and organist for a year of probation.—*fo.* 84*d.*

1614, April 18.—Timothy Revett, S.T.B., installed in the archdeaconry of Bath, vacant by the death of Dr. William Powell, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 85*d.*

Andrew Downes, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Dinder, vacant by death of the last incumbent, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 86*d.*

1614, July 16.—Richard Powell, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wormister, vacant by the death of Dr. William Powell, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 88*d.*

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1614, July 23.—Dr. Wright having resigned the house in the liberty, formerly Dr. Bisse's, it is granted to Dr. Timothy Rivett.—*fo.* 89.

Dr. Rivett is elected a canon residentiary, on paying 100 marks as caution money.—*fo.* 89*d.*

1614, July 26.—Robert Wright installed in the prebend of Henstridge, vacant by the last incumbent, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 90*d.*

1614, Aug. 6.—Enos Williams admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 91.

1614, Aug. 10.—Deed poll of Sir George Speke of Whitlackington, knight, granting a yearly rent of 26*l.* issuing out of his manors of Whyttlackington and Atherstone, to his trusty and loving friends, Sir Henry Portman, knight and bart., Sir John Mallett, knight, John Poulett, esq., Sir Maurice Barkleye, knight, Sir John Horner, knight, Sir Edward Gorges, knight, Sir Joseph Kyllygrewe, knight, Sir Henry Hawlye, knight, Sir Henry Barkley, knight, George Luttrell, esq., Robert Hopton, esq., Edward Bridges, esq., John Syms, esq., and William Pallmer, esq., for the maintenance of a sufficient lecturer preacher to preach and perform a lecture sermon every Wednesday in the parish church of Whitlackington, "soe longe as devine service, sermons and sacramentes accordinge to Gode's holy and devine worde and the order of the churche of England, by publique authorytie now used and allowed, or to bee allowed, not dissonaunt from the same in matter of fayth nor doctrine, shall or may be there continued." The lecturer to be M.A. of Oxford or Cambridge, and to be specially approved and commended by the heads of Magdalyne and Corpus Christi, if an Oxford man, and by Christ's and St. John's, if a Cambridge man. Special provisions in case the Romish religion should be thereafter allowed and received by public authority.—[Ledger F, *fo.* 220.]

1614, Aug. 26.—Nicholas Higgs, S.T.D., installed in the prebend of Ashill, pursuant to mandate of the bishop, on the resignation of Henry Peek.—*fo.* 91*d.*

1614, Sept. 3.—Humfrey Lewis, M.A., installed in the prebend and rectory of Timberscombe, vacant *certo modo de jure*, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 92.

1614, Sept. 20.—John Wiatt, B.A., installed in the prebend of Combe XV, on the death of the last incumbent, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 96.

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1614, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.

Auditors: Robert Wright and Gerard Wood.

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Baron of the exchequer : John Bourne.
Master of the frabric : Robert Wright.
Surveyors of houses : Richard Boughton and Gerard Wood.
Communar : Richard Boughton.
Escheator : [John] Bellamy.
Tabellar : William More.
Bailiff and cursor : William Sawier.

1614, Oct. 1.—Confirmation of the grant of the office of registrar of the archdeaconry of Bath by Dr. Timothy Revett, archdeacon of Bath, to William Clerck and William Clerck his son.—*fo.* 94.

1614, Nov. 28.—William Murrye, M.A., royal chaplain, canon, installed in the prebend of Wedmore IV, vacant by resignation, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 97*d.*

1615, March 26.—Richard Browne is admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 103*d.*

1615, April 29.—Samuel Ward, S.T.D., archdeacon of Taunton, installed in the prebend of Milverton I, on the death of Peter Lillie, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 104*d.*

1615, June 26.—George Downame, S.T.D., installed in the prebend of Yatton, vacant by resignation, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 105*d.*

1615, July 3.—Dr. John Bowrne is chosen steward and official of the dean and chapter for two years.—*fo.* 107.

1615, Aug. 8.—James I to the dean and chapter.
Whereas John Young, D.D., chancellour and one of your canons of the cathedrall church of Welles, by reason of his attendaunce on us and employment in our service, cannot reside amongst yow and performe such ordinarie dewtyes as his place may require ; these are to certifie yow that notwithstanding his non-residence, it is our speciall pleasour that henceforth he enjoy all comodityes, dividentes and quotidianes any way belonging to his place, in as full and ample manner as if he were there presente. By doinge whereof yow shall doe us verie acceptable service. At Cranburne.—[Ledger G, *fo.* 51.]

1615, Sept. 1.—William More, M.A., presented to the vicarage of Lidiard Bishop's on the resignation of Roger Kelly. —*fo.* 107*d.*
Charles Pitcher admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.

1615, Sept. 23.—Dr. John Younge, chancellor and canon residentiary, produces letters from the king to the dean and

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chapter, by virtue of which he prays to have all emoluments as a canon residentiary allowed him when absent, as well as when present, as though he had completed his days and office of residency.—*fo.* 108.

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1615, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors: Robert Wright and Gerard Wood.
Baron of the exchequer: John Bourne.
Master of the fabric: Gerard Wood.
Surveyors of houses: Gerard Wood and Robert Wright.
Communar: Richard Boughton.
Escheator: John Corne.
Tabellar: Walter Tailor.
Bailiff and cursor: William Sawier; John Attwell.

1615, Oct. 23.—Dr. Wright to be allowed his days while absent on cathedral business.—*fo.* 110.

Ordered "that all the prebendaries that are behynd in payment of stall wages shalbe be cited agaynst the first of Decembris prox."

1615, Dec. 19.—Ordered "that Mrs. Mary More shall paie unto John Brint, the sacrist, for the black cloth layed uppon the coffyn of her husband, Mr. William More, late one of the vicars-chorals of the said church, deceased, the somme of 13*s.* 4*d.*, and that the said Brint shall deliver the said cloth to Mrs. More aforesaid."—*fo.* 111*d.*

". . . concernyng the ordering of the table for the prechyng prebendaries . . . it is now ordered and appoynted as the table doth expresse: no one prebendary burdened or charged to preach more turns then as they weare wont to doe."

1615–6, Jan. 2.—Notwithstanding his absence so long, Dr. Wright shall be allowed his days of residence while he is absent and employed about cathedral business.—*fo.* 112.

1615–6, Jan. 4.—Charges against John Brint, the sacrist: "that he is and hath been perpetually negligent in the execution of his office . . . and that by the carelessnes of hym and others that had and kept the keyes of the church and towers thereof, the leades and glass are spoyled, and dores and hookes are taken a way. . . ."—*fo.* 113.

1616, July 17.—Arthur Duck, LL.D., appointed vicar-general.—*fo.* 116.

1616, Aug. 13.—William Beckett, S.T.B., confessor of the royal household [*regii hospitii confessor*], installed in the prebend of Yatton, on the resignation of Dr. George Downam, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 116*d.*

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William Scott, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wedmore V, on the death of the last incumbent, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 117.

1616, Aug. 29.—John Morley, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Tymberscombe, on the resignation of the last incumbent, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 117*d.*

1616, Sept. 8.—Confirmation of the grant by the bishop to John Kingman of Easthorrington, Somerset, of the next presentation to the prebend of St. Decuman.—*fo.* 118.

1616, Sept. 13.—The office of surveyor of the manors of the bishop granted to Robert Hopton, esq., and his assigns, for the lives of himself and of Ralph and William his sons.—*fo.* 118*d.*

Confirmation of the grant by the bishop of the office of bailiff of Wells to John Crosse of Wells, gent., for three lives.

1616, Sept. 25.—Robert Risley, M.A., installed in the prebend of Easton in Gordano, on the death of the last incumbent, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 119*d.*

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1616, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors: Gerard Wood and Timothy Rivett.
Baron of the exchequer: Robert Wright.
Master of the fabric: Gerard Wood.
Surveyors of houses: Gerard Wood and Timothy Rivett.
Communar: Richard Boughton.
Escheator: Robert Marwood.
Tabellar: John Bellamy.
Bailiff and cursor: John Attwell.

1616, Oct. 3.—Robert Earle, B.A., installed in the prebend of St. Decuman, on the death of Richard Eaton, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 121.

1616, Oct. 17.—Election of Arthur Lake, S.T.D., to the bishopric of Bath and Wells, now vacant by the translation of the last bishop [James Montague], pursuant to the king's letters patent of license to elect.—*fo.* 121*d.*

1616–7, Jan. 2.—Canons resident who ought to make four months' residence and who make three months before their deaths, and canons who ought to make three months and who make two months before their deaths, shall have full benefit as if they had made full residence. Canons resident riding abroad to preach shall be allowed the time so spent.—*fo.* 122*d.*

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1616–7, Jan. 3.—Installation, induction and enthronization of Arthur Lake as bishop of Bath and Wells. [Two pages left blank.]—*fo.* 123*d.*

1616–7, Jan. 9.—Dr. Robert Wright elected comminar, *vice* Dr. Richard Bowghton, deceased.—*fo.* 125*d.*

1616–7, Jan. 13.—Letter from James, bishop of Winchester,* urging the election of Dr. Ward, archdeacon of Taunton, as a canon residentiary.—*fo.* 126*d.*

1616–7, Jan. 27.—Dr. Samuel Ward, archdeacon of Taunton and prebend of Milverton I, elected a canon residentiary, on depositing 100 marks as caution money; he shall have no commons nor any voice in the business of the chapter before October 1, 1618.—*fo.* 127.

1616–7, Jan. 31.—Edward Abbott, M.A., installed in the dignity of precentor, on the death of Richard Bowghton, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 128.

1616–7, Feb. 26.—William Rogers, M.A., installed in the prebend of Dinder, on the resignation of Andrew Downes, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 128*d.*

1616–7, March 19.—Richard Adams, M.A., installed in the prebend of Compton Dundon, on the death of Richard Bowghton, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 129*d.*

1617, May 16.—Thomas Wodyeates, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe XII, on the death of John Parsons, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 131*d.*

1617, July 1.—Dr. Robert Wright is chosen steward and official of the dean and chapter for two years from Michaelmas. —*fo.* 133.

1617, July 2.—Dr. Francis Godwyn, canon residentiary and bishop of Llandaff, resigned his place of residence [*locum residentiæ*] and his office of canon residentiary, with all profits and emoluments attaching thereto; which was accepted by the dean and chapter, and the place of a residentiary [*locus residentiarii*] declared vacant. Paul Godwyn, M.A., prebend of Holcombe, admitted as canon residentiary, on paying 100 marks caution money.—*fo.* 134*d.*

1617, July 21.—Samuel Eveseed admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 136*d.*

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* James Montague, lately translated from Bath and Wells.

1616–1617.

1617, Aug. 11.—Warner Soucthe [or Warne Souch], LL.B., installed in the prebend of Combe V, on the death of Norwich Sparckman, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 137.

1617, Sept. 17.—Anthony Morey or Morrey admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 137*d.*

1617–1618.

1617, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors: John Bourne and Timothy Rivett.
Baron of the exchequer: Gerard Wood.
Master of the fabric: Gerard Wood.
Surveyors of houses: Gerard Wood and Timothy Rivett.
Communar: Robert Wright.
Escheator: Matthew White.
Tabellar: William Tauswell.
Bailiff and cursor: John Attwell; William Sawier.

1617, Oct. 1.—The order made Jan. 2 last, as to residence, is revoked.—*fo.* 139.

1617, Oct. 20.—Ordered "that he that is curate of the said cathedrall church, or he that doth supplie his place for reading of prayer, shall, the last Sonday in every moneth, after the readyng of the Gospell, geve warnyng for a communion to be celebrated in the said cathedrall church the first Sonday of the moneth next followyng, unlest it happen uppon the chief feast dayes or on some other solemn dayes. Also it is decreed that the sexten for the tyme beyng, or some other in his place, shall, as it was accustomed to be, the Saturday before every communion, geve notice to the deane and canons and the vicars choral that the Sounday then next followyng there shalbe a communion in the church."—*fo.* 140.

1617, Nov. 6.—Proceedings against Enos Williams, clerk, vicar-choral, "that he was absent from mornyng servyce the fyft of November, beyng a day appoynted for the solemnization of the day of thanckes gevyng to God for the delivery of the kinges majestie, the queen, princ, nobilityes and comons of this realme."—*fo.* 142.
Matthew White, vicar-choral, in reply to the like, said "that he then was at Dynder, and did read praier for Mr. Rogers."—*fo.* 142*d.*

1617, Nov. 14.—Thomas Wodyattes [or Woodyeates], deacon, M.A., installed in the prebend of Litton *alias* Lutton, on the death of Robert Earle the elder, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 142 *bis.*

1617, Dec. 11.—William Gay, B.A., installed in the prebend of Combe VIII, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 142 *bis d.*

1617–1618.

1617–8, Feb. 6.—Gilbert Bowrne, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe VI, on the death of Anthony Blynco, LL.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 146*d.*

1617–8, Feb. 12.—William Gay, B.A., installed in the prebend of Combe XII, on the resignation of Thomas Woyeates [*sic*, Woodyeates], pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 147.

1617–8, March 2.—Walter Tailer, master of the choristers, is warned *ad melius ordinandas et tractandas choristas.*—*fo.* 147*d.*

1618, April 3.—Edward Abbott, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe VIII, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 148*d.*

1618.—A rental of the manor of Biddisham; signed by Robert Wrighte, the treasurer, and other officers.—[Book of Arrears, 1631-1643, at end.]

1618–1619.

1618, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors: Timothy Rivett and Paul Godwyn.
Baron of the exchequer: John Bourne.
Master of the fabric: Gerard Wood.
Surveyors of houses: Timothy Rivett and Paul Godwyn.
Communar: Robert Wright.
Escheator: John Clerke.
Tabellar: John Corne.
Bailiff and cursor: William Sawier.
Dr. Samuel Ward is allowed his residence for the time he was over seas on the king's business concerning the state of the church.—*fo.* 150*d.*
Dr. Paul Godwyn allowed his residence for the time he was absent in the king's service.

1618, Oct. 1.—Ordered "that every prebendary of this church that by his place is bond [bound] to preach his turn in the said church, shall preach in his gowne, surplis and hoode, *sub pena incumbente.*—*fo.* 151.

1618–9, Jan. 2.—John Clement, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe X, on the resignation of Richard Todd, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 153.

1618–9, Feb. 3.—William Hunt, Mus. Bac., and Edward Hole admitted perpetual vicars-choral.—*fo.* 156.

1619, April 1.—The office of registrar of the bishop granted to Edward Huishe and his deputies, for three lives.—*fo.* 157.

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1619, July 1.—Dr. Gerard Wood is appointed steward and official of the dean and chapter for two years.—*fo.* 158.

1619, Sept. 27.—Robert Withers, clerk, vicar-choral, installed in the prebend of Combe IX, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 159.

1619, Sept. 28.—William Sclater, S.T.D., installed in the prebend of Wedmore II, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 159*d*.

1619–1620.

1619, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors : Timothy Rivett and Paul Godwyn.
Baron of the exchequer : John Bourne.
Master of the fabric : Timothy Rivett.
Surveyors of houses : Robert Wright and Paul Godwyn.
Communar : Timothy Rivett.
Escheator : Walter Tailor.
Tabellar : John Corne.
Bailiff and cursor : William Sawier.

1619, Oct. 4.—Grant to George Roynon for three lives of all the dean and chapter's " right, title and interest and liberty of fowlynge and takyng of all kynd of fowle within their maner of Winscomb."—*fo.* 161.

1619, Nov. 29.—Thomas Crane, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe VI, on the resignation of John Towlson, S.T.B.,* pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 161*d*.

1619–20. Jan. 3.—John Vagge [?], B.A., presented to the rectory of Eastlambrook [on the resignation of Robert Bushell ; *fo.* 164*d*].—*fo.* 162.

Dr. Robert Wright has a grant of the canonical house where he now lives, to himself and his assigns, for a fine of 20*s*.

The like to Dr. Bowrne.

Dr. Gerard Wood dissented from these grants.—*fo.* 162*d*.

Received a letter from the bishop with one from the archbishop. " They have decreed to proceed accordyng to the effect and meanyng therof, and to send letters unto all the prebendaryes and mynisters dwellyng within the jurisdiction of the deane and chapter aforesaid, and that there shalbe notice geven to all such as shall preach in this church and els where within their said jurisdiction, shall, according to the canons in this behalf made, praie for the kinges majestie, gevyng hym all his titles, and to pray for the archbusshopps, busshopps and clergy, according to the said canons."

1619–20, Jan. 21.—William Nicols admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 163*d*.

* *Sic ;* his installation does not appear to be recorded.

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1619–20, Feb. 7.—Ordered that a former decree as to burials be revoked; and "that from henceforth yf the deane or any canon resident of the said church and also any vicare chorall of the said church shall dye, they and every of them shalbe buried in the said church without paying any charges to the deane and chapter or to the master of the fabrick for the same."—*fo.* 164.

Dr. Wright and Dr. Bowrne surrendered into the hands of the dean and chapter all their rights and interests in the houses they now dwell in, together with the original lease of the said houses heretofore granted to George Upton, esq., deceased.

1619–20, Feb. 16.—John Oker admitted a vicar-choral and organist for a year of probation.—*fo.* 164*d.*

1620, April 1.—"Mr. Deane doth voluntaryly geve towardes the making of a newe organ in the said cathedral church an C*li.*, and promiseth to geve an other C*li.* to the same purpose; and Mr. D. Wright doth likewise promise to lend one C*li.* for fyve yeares towardes the making of the sayd organes, to be repayed hym agayne in five yeares by the cominor of the said church for the tyme beynge."—*fo.* 165.

1620, July 1.—Dr. Meridith discharged from the payment of 40*l.* to the chapter upon his admittance to the deanery. The like to Dr. Wood upon his admittance to the archdeaconry of Wells.—*fo.* 165*d.*

Mr. John Boyse the younger, of Mudford, appeared and stated that he had at his own cost built "a decent ile adjoyning to the north parte of the parishe church of Mudford, "with the consent and approbation of the vicar and inhabitants; the dean and chapter, at his request, and as owners of the "parsonadg impropriat," do allow and confirm the same, and grant the use of the "ile" to Boyse and his heirs, to sit there and to bury their dead at their pleasure, they keeping it in repair at their own cost. If Boyse, his heirs and assigns, shall not repair within convenient time upon notice given, the dean and chapter may enter and dispose of the "ile" at their will and pleasure.

1620, Sept. 25.—John Barlowe, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wivelscombe, on the resignation of William Barlowe, S.T.B., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 166*d.*

Accounts of Timothy Revett, Keeper of the Fabric, 1619–20.

Receipts: 2*s.* 6*d.* from Mr. Browne, the organist; 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for the burial of Mrs. Garrat.

Payments: 2*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* for repairing the vault of the choir; 10*s.* 1*d.* for bonfires on Nov. 5, March 24 and Aug. 5; 6*s.* 8*d.*

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" pro le winding the pardon bell " ; 13*s.* for iron work about the great bell ; 9*s.* 9*d.* for timber, nails and work for the same ; 8*s.* 3*d.* for ironwork about the 3rd bell ; 14*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.* for casting two bells, carriage and labour about the same.

Dean Meredith is debited with 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for the burial of his wife and daughter in 1613.

1620–1621.

1620, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors : Robert Wright and Paul Godwyn.
Baron of the exchequer : John Bourne.
Master of the fabric : Timothy Rivett.
Surveyors of houses : Robert Wright and Paul Godwyn.
Communar : Timothy Rivett.
Escheator : [William] Hunt.
Tabellar : Edward Hole.
Bailiff and cursor : William Sawier.

1620–1, Jan. 3.—Philip Mahatt, B.A., installed in the prebend of Compton Bishop, on the death of Robert Scott, S.T.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 168*d.*

1620–1, Feb. 16.—John Oker admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 169*d.*

1621, May 8.—Anthony Methwin, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Ilton, on the death of John Pellen, S.T.B., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 170*d.*

1621, May 23.—Dr. John Bowrne presented to the vicarage of Stogumer by Dr. Wright, to whom the presentation had fallen by lot.—*fo.* 171.

1621, June 16.—Thomas James, S.T.D., installed as sub-dean, on the death of Robert Scott, S.T.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 171*d.*

William Woodhowse, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe XI, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 172.

1621, July 2.—Grant to Dr. Revett for life of the canonical house where he now lives.—*fo.* 172*d.*

The like to Dr. Bowrne.

1621, Sept. 18.—Installation of Ralph Barlow, S.T.D., as dean of Wells, on the death of the last dean, pursuant to mandate of the king.—*fo.* 173.

Accounts of Timothy Revett, Keeper of the Fabric, 1620–21.

Receipts : 1*l.* 10*s.* for the burial of Mrs. Phillips.

Payments : 15*s.* for work about " le bellsoller " ; 3*s.* for repairing " le bridge et Ludborne " ; 6*s.* 1*d.* for repairing the

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whirligog ; 4*s*. 2*d*. for the communion seat ; 4*s*. for the service book ; 18*l*. 6*s*. 4*d*. for timber trees. A detailed account of 398*l*. 1*s*. 5*d*. "for building and guilding the organs," including : 206*l*. to Mr. Dallam ; 39*l*. to Mr. Kettle ; 70*l*. to Mr. Beaumont for gilding ; 8*s*. for taking down the timber from the "belsoller" for the use of the organs ; 8*s*. 6*d*. for nails and iron work about setting up the organ loft ; 3*s*. for hewing the pillars for the organs ; 14*d*. for mending the quier door and setting on the bolts and lock ; 12*s*. 8*d*. for the curtain rods ; 14*s*. for making the curtains ; 7*l*. 16*s*. 1*d*. for 69¼ yards of say at 2*s*. 3*d*. ; 2*s*. for 3 doz. of binding inkle ; paid by Dr. Wright to Mr. Dallam about this work 64*l*. [Dean Merideth appears to have given 260*l*. towards the organ and Dr. Wright lent 100*l*.]

1621–1622.

1621, Sept. 30.—Election of officers.
Auditors : Robert Wright and Paul Godwyn.
Baron of the exchequer : John Bourne.
Master of the fabric : Gerard Wood.
Surveyors of houses : Gerard Wood and Timothy Rivett.
Communar : Paul Godwyn.
Escheator : Robert Marwood.
Tabellar : [William] Hunt.
Bailiff and cursor : William Sawier.

1621, Oct. 1.—The dean is admitted a canon residentiary on paying 100*l*. caution money.—*fo*. 175.

1621, Nov. 17.—Read a letter from the bishop, beginning :—
"Reverend Brethren, I received letters from my Lord of Canterburie's Grace, the tenor whereof followeth :—

> "Right Reverend Father in God, my very good Lord, I have received letters from the Lords of His Majestie's most honorable Privie Councell, in the behalf of the poore straingers who by reason of the present troubles in France are fled into this realme ; etc."

"By the contents of those letters yow see what his Majestie's most pious charitie recomends unto us" ; etc. Resolved to give 5*l*.—*fo*. 176.

1621–2, Jan. 2.—Ordered "that the curat of the cathedrall church of Wells, that shalbe for the time, shall allway be one that shall carry the bread and wine to the communion table when the sacrament of the Lord's Supper shalbe ministred in the said church, and one of other the ministers shall in carriing the bread and wine as aforesaid assist the said curate."
"That every canon resident of this church, that now is and hereafter that shalbe, that shall beare any office in the said church, shall at the time he shall be elected officer take a corporall oath uppon the Holy Evangelistes truly to execute

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that office . . . ; and the like oath all other officers of the said church chosen uppon St. Jerom's day shall take."—*fos.* 177–177*d.*

A general survey ordered, of all lands and manors belonging to the dean and chapter.

The "comminour" and the master of the fabric shall end their accounts yearly before December 16.

1622, March 27.—Dr. Wright is appointed to assign a place within the church for the burial of Dr. John Bowrne, deceased.* —*fo.* 178.

1622, April 1.—Mr. William Evans, master of the grammar school of the cathedral church, resigns his office. Dr. John Young, the chancellor, to whom by virtue of his office the nomination belongs, nominates Mr. Robert Aishe, who is thereupon admitted by the dean and chapter.—*fo.* 4*d.*

William Hunt, clerk, Mus. Bac., installed in the prebend of Wedmore III, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 5.

1622, June 12.—William Woodhowse, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wormister, on the death of Richard Powell, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 6*d.*

Grant to Dr. Revett for life of the canonical house in which he lives.—*fo.* 7.

The like to Richard Adams, canon and prebendary of Compton Dundon, of the house where Dr. John Bowrne lived; and his election as canon residentiary, on the recommendation of John [Williams], bishop of Lincoln, in place of Dr. Bowrne, deceased.—*fo.* 7*d.*

1622, July 1.—Edward Abraham, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe XI, pursuant to mandate of the bishop. —*fo.* 8*d.*

Appointment of Matthew Lawe M.A., to the church or rectory of Allverton or Allerton; he took the oaths of supremacy and allegiance.—*fo.* 9*d.*

The key of the little chest where the seal is kept could not be had; the chest was broken open.

Dr. Rivett protested against casting lots for benefices.—*fo.* 10.

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1622, Sept. 30.—Dr. Samuel Ward allowed his residence "so long as he shalbe absent in reading the Lady Margarett Lecture in Cambridg, and answering Cardinall Perrone his book."

1622, Oct. 1.—Vicars-choral absent without leave shall forfeit ¼*d.* for a morning praper and ½*d.* for an evening prayer,

* The volume ends here. The next volume has no distinguishing letter; it covers the period from 1622 to 1635.

to be divided quarterly among those who have attended diligently.—*fo.* 11*d.*

1622, Oct. 2.—John Harris, S.T.D. installed in the prebend of Combe XIII.—*fo.* 13.

1622, Dec. 6.—Dr. Revett, the master of the fabric, is deputed to allocate a place within the cathedral for the burial of Thomas Hunnis.—*fo.* 14*d.*

1623, May 3.—William Wynge appointed clerk and bell-ringer, on the nomination of the treasurer, Robert Wright, bishop of Bristol.—*fo.* 18*d.*

1623, May 26.—Warner Sowth, LL.B., installed in the prebend of Warmister *alias* Luxfield, on the resignation of John Still, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 19.

Benjamin Hinton, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Shamford *alias* Shalford *alias* Scamford, on the resignation of William Hinton, S.T.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop. —*fo.* 19*d.*

John Still, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe V, on the resignation of Warner South, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 20.

1623, July 1.—Dr. Godwyn elected steward and official.—*fo.* 22.

1623, July 2.—William Nicolls, vicar-choral, deprived of his office for absenting himself for six months.—*fo.* 22*d.*

"Whereas ther are fower daies extraordinarie on which sermons are to be preched in the cathedrall church of Wells, viz. the fift of November, the quarter sessions, the 24th of March and the fyft of August, it is decreed and ordered that the deane and canons resident of the said church successively in their turnes shall preach the said sermons yearly; and this decree to commence and take effect from the fyft of November next, 1623; and yf any canon resident shall not observe this decree by preachyng in his owne persone or procuryng one other to supplie his turne, that shall be allowed by the deane or in his absenc by the senior canon at home, geveyng notice of the said persone six dayes before the day of preching, that then for such his default he shall forfeitt 40*s.*, to be deducted out of his divident, and presently to be payed by the comminor; of which mucit [?] 20*s.* to be paied to the fabrick and other 20*s.* to be payed to hym that shall preach that turne, he beyng allowed, as aforesaid. It is also decreed that if any of the said prechyng daies shall happen uppon a Sonday, it shall be performed by the deane or that canon in manner and forme aforesaid, and not by the prebend whose turne it shall fall to be by course. And this decree is inacted

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because wee hould it fitt for the honor of our church that the aforesaid daies of solemnity be supplyed by our selves, as aforesaid. The names of the deane and canons to supplie these turnes of preachyng in order are as followeth :—

Decanus, 5 Novembris.
D. Wood, arch. Wellen., quarter sessions.
D. Young, cancellarius, 24 Marcii.
Episcopus Bristoll., thezaurarius, 5 Augusti.
D. Rivett, arch. Bath, 5 Novembris, 1624.
D. Ward, arch. Taunton, quarter sessions.
D. Godwyn, Marcii 24.
Mr. Rich. Adams, 5 Augusti."—*fo.* 23.

1623, Sept. 17.—William Oldys, M.A., installed in the prebend of Dinder, on the death of William Rogers, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 24*d.*

John Cooth, M.A., installed in the prebend of Easton in Gordano, on the death of Robert Rislye, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 25.

Accounts of Timothy Revett, Keeper of the Fabric, 1622–23.

Receipts : 2*s.* for the burial of Mrs. James's maid [*ancilla*], and 1*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* for Mr. Edmund Bower.

Payments : 7*s.* for repairing the Ludburne and the public way.

1623–1624.

1623, Oct. 1.—William Attkins admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 26*d.*

1623, Oct. 3.—Mr. Richard Adams is chosen master of the fabric.—*fo.* 27*d.*

1623, Oct. 29.—Philemon Pearce is appointed clerk and bell-ringer, on the nomination of the treasurer.—*fo.* 28.

1623, Oct. 30.—James Reade admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 28*d.*

1623–4, Jan. 2.—License granted to Thomas Maicock and Henry Tripp of Shepham and their assigns, for 21 years, "to digg and moyne in the Ingrowndes of the said Henrie Tripp his tenaunds [?] in the manor of Winscomb [Shipham, *erased*] aforesaid, in consideracion whereof the said Thomas Maicock and Henry Tripp do covenaunt and promise to laie out to the said deane and chapter in lead, at their owne cost and charges, in full payment of the lott and all other profet of the lead oare ther to be landed [?], one eight parte free wrought." —*fo.* 30.

1623–1624.

1624, April 1.—John Hoskins, vicar-choral, is deprived or amoved.—*fo.* 31.

1624, May 29.—John Willis, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe VII, on the death of William Wickham, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 33.

1624, July 17.—William Hunte, clerk, Mus. Bac., vicar-choral and escheator of the cathedral church, with the consent of the dean and chapter and in their name, demises and grants to Thomas Packer of Wells, yeoman, for three lives, a house or cottage with a garden and well in Chamberlaine Street, paying yearly to the dean and chapter or to the escheator for the time being 6*s.* 8*d.*—[Ledger G, *p.* 12.]

1624, ...—Deed poll by the dean and chapter, lords of the royalties within the hundred of North Currye. "Forasmuche as divers persons of late have incroched and usurped on our rights, priviledges and possessions there scituate and being, in bringinge upp iron, sea coles, pitt coles and other marchandize from Bridgewater and other places by water, and landinge the same on our soile neere unto Ham Mills, and in divers other places within the said hundred, without our leave and consent, to the greate wronge and prejudice of our soile, tennantes and freeholders there;" appointment, in consideration of 10*l.* fine and 10*s.* yearly rent, of Thomas Hancock of Gregorystoke, gent., as deputy and assignee, with full power to contract and compound for royalties for the landing of merchandize on the dean and chapter's lands within the hundred, all moneys so taken by him to be for his own use, without rendering any account; for the lives of Paul, Robert and William Hancock, his sons. —[Ledger G, *p.* 15.]

1624.—A rental of the manor of North Curry; signed by Robert [Wright, bishop of] Bristoll.—[Book of Arrears, 1631–1643, at end.]

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1624, Nov. 8.—James Brint, the sacrist, resigns; Humfrey Marsh is appointed in his place.—*fo.* 36*d.*

1624, Nov. 19.—An alteration of the seats in the choir has been made without leave; it must be forthwith reformed. No seats there are to be erected or altered without the consent of the chapter.—*fo.* 37.

1624–5, Jan. 7.—"Covenantes in the leases of the deane and chapter.

First, that the surrender shalbe satisfied.

2ly, that for howses the woud [*sic*] sustayne, and so for hedges and ditches, &c.

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3ly, that without distres there shalbe an absolute reentrye. without demand.

4ly, that there shalbe specified that the rentes shalbe payed at the quarter daye, or within 28 dayes after the feaste, unto the commoner for the time beinge or to his deputy.

5ly, for every house in the New Workes the tenant for the time being or his assigne shal beare a twelve parte of the charge of the greate goutes in the camery and under the cloyster until it come to the first tenement at the east end."—*fo.* 1.

1624–5, Jan. 10.—Lease to John Bradford of Wells, gent., for 40 years, of a tenement in New Works and a garden in New Works Gardens; rent 26*s.* 8*d.* Lessee to do suit of court twice a year at Cannon Barne, and to pay one twelfth of the cost of repairing the great gowts and pipes of lead in a place called the Church Camery, through which the water passes to the New Works, so often as repairs are needed up to the east end of New Works.—[Ledger G, *p.* 4.]

1625, April 4.—Letters patent of the office of keeper of the bishop's palace and bailiff of the stock [*stauri*] and of the bishop's woods and underwoods at Wells, granted by the bishop to Walter Busshell, gentleman, and his assigns, for the lives of himself, John Lund [?] and Edward Bushell, gentleman.—*fo.* 38*d.*

1625, April 5.—Martin Simons, M.A., admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 39.

1625, June 1.—Walter Tailer resigns the office of master of the choristers. The dean thereupon produced a paper schedule under the hand and seal of Edward Abbott, the precentor, to whose office the deprivation or nomination of the master of the choristers belongs, as follows:—"Whereas I have receaved divers complayntes of the neglect of the choristers of Wells, both touching their education and instruccion, and that I have heretofore admonished and warned the master of the said choristers thereof; I doe therefore by vertue of these presentes fully authorize and depute the right worshipfull Mr. Deane of Wells [Barlow] to visitt and examine the said master of the choristers touching any such fault or neglect, as may be justly against him objected, and him the said master to depose and dischardg of his said office," &c. Dated Feb. 12, 1622[–3].

The dean, by virtue thereof, appoints John Oaker, one of the vicars-choral and organist, to be master of the choristers, and he is sworn.—[Ledger G, *p.* 19.]

1625, July 1.—Mr. Richard Adams is chosen as steward of the dean and chapter.—*fo.* 41*d.*

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1625, Aug. 5.—Robert Kettle admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 42.

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1625, Dec. 8.—Robert Aishe, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe IX, on the death of Robert Withers, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 46.

"Wheras ther was a decree mad the 28th daie of October last past,* in the chapter howse, by the reverend father in God, Robert, by God's providenc lord busshopp of Bristoll, treasurer of the cathedrall church of Wells and canon resident and president of the chapter ther, Gerard Wood, Timothy Revett, Paul Godwine, doctors of dyvinity, and Mr. Richard Adams, canon residents of this cathedral church, agaynst the now deane of the said cathedral church, I, the said deane, doe now protest agaynst the said decree, and do utterly disclaime and dissent from the same, as voyd and of no force in lawe; and I doe protest that I never denyed to bring in the . . . . recordes for which the said decree was mad, and am redy to bring them in to the archives . . ." —*fo.* 46*d.*

1625–6, Jan. 9.—William Beamont, gentleman, is charged and confesses "that he hath not neither doth come to the church to heare dyvine praier and sermons, nor hath receaved the holly communion by the space of three or fower yeares last past." He is ordered by the chapter to attend prayers and sermon and to receive the Eucharist in the cathedral on the next following Sunday.—*fo.* 47*d.*

Margin: "Notatur that he is a popishe recusant, and doth not frequent the church to heare dyvine praier and sermons, nor receave the holly communion three tymes in the yeare, as he ought to doe."

A similar charge against Mary, wife of the said William Beamont, and against George Clarck, his servant [*famulus*], Mary Clarck and Alice Clarck.—*fo.* 48.

A charge against William Evans, gentleman, his wife Mary and his daughter Sarah, that he is suspected of being popishly inclined, and doth keep his family in his house, who do not frequent the church, etc.—*fo.* 48*d.*

James Morton senior, when charged, answers that he was present at prayers and sermon on Sunday last in the cathedral and received the holy communion at Easter last. He is ordered to attend again on the following Sunday.

James Morton junior and Mary Aish are similarly summoned.

Mary, wife of John Clarck, one of the vicars-choral, appeared to answer a charge "that in the cathedral church of Wells at the tyme of dyvine praier, shee did chide and brawle with Agnes Corne, the wife of John Corne, one of the vicares-choralls

* There is no record of any proceedings on that day.

of the sayd church, and did strike her on the mowth and mad her mowth bleed." She denied the charge, "only shee confesseth that shee did putt downe the said Agnes Corne's foote, which shee had sett upp to keep her, the said Clarck, from commyng into her place in the seate." Agnes Corne was also charged with brawling.—*fo.* 49.

1625–6, Feb. 27.—"Memorandum that nothinge was done the 27 of Februarii [to which day the various charges of recusancy had been adjourned] because neither the deane nor any other of the canons resident of the cathedral church of Wells weare that daie in Wells, except Mr. Doctor Revett and Mr. Adams, who both weare very daungerously sick."—*fo.* 50*d.*

1625–6, March 6.—William Beamont, excommunicated; Mary Evans, Sarah Evans, Mary Aishe, James Morton, senior and junior, George and Alice Clarck, dismissed, on certificates that they had attended service and received the Eucharist.—*fos.* 51*d.*, 52.

1626, April 4.—Robert Chute appointed steward of the dean's manors in Somerset, for life.—*fo.* 54.

1626, June 11.—Thomas Lowe admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 54*d.*

1626, Aug. 16.—William Laud, S.T.D., bishop of St. David's, elected bishop of Bath and Wells, on the death of Arthur Lake, pursuant to the king's letters patent.—*fo.* 55*d.*

1626, Sept. 11.—Stephen Brerier [Berrier, *in margin*], M.A., installed in the prebend of Yatton, on the resignation of William Beckett, pursuant to mandate of George [Abbot], archbishop of Canterbury.—*fo.* 56.

1626.—A list of pensions, rents and annuities for the master of the choristers to receive for the maintenance of the choristers quarterly. Total, 44*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* *Indorsed:* The master of the choristers' dues for the use of all the choristers, being entertained at his table.—[Loose papers.]

Accounts of Timothy Revett, the Communar, 1625–26.

Payments: 10*l.* to Robert Ashe, the schoolmaster; 20*l.* to John Oker, the master of the choristers.

Accounts of Timothy Revett, Keeper of the Fabric, 1625–26.

Receipts: 2*s.* for the burial of Henry Morton, and 16*s.* 8*d.* for Mrs. Barker.

Payments: 3*s.* for repairing the bridge; 4*s.* 7*d.* for repairing the Ludburne; 3*l.* to John Haywood for repairing the organ;

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3*s.* 4*d.* for 10 books, when the plague was raging [*grassante peste*].

It is agreed that my lord of Bristoll [Robert Wright, bishop of Bristol], for his kindnes in lending to us one hundred pownds for many yeares for the setting up our organs, shall be remitted the ten pownds superd upon him for the prebend of Henstridge for five yeares last past, and so to be remitted till the remainder be payde unto him.

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1626, Sept. 30.—Ordered "that, whereas the Reverend Father in God the Lord Busshopp of Bristoll, treasurer and canon resident of this church, Doctor Yong, cancellor of the said church, and Doctor Ward, archdeacon of Taunton, and canon residentiaries of the said church, have all the benefitts and comodities belonging to a canon resident of the said church and do not keep their residenc here, that yearly each of them shall pay to the fabrick of the said church, out of their dividents and comodyties they and every of them doe and shall from henceforth receave of and by the said church, tenn powndes." Dr. Wood dissented, and protested that the decree was void.—*fo.* 57*d.*

1626, Nov. 8.—William Clunn admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 58*d.*

1626–7, Jan. 2.—Grant to Edward Bisse the younger, of Spargrove, gent., and his assigns, for three lives, of the rectory of St. Cuthbert's Church, Wells, for a fine of 240*l.*, payable at eight yearly audits.—*fo.* 59.

1626–7, Jan. 15.—Ralph Barlowe, S.T.D., presented to the vicarage of Chedder, on the death of Francis Arundell.—*fo.* 60.

1626–7, Feb. 22.—Jonas Cook, M.A., installed in the prebend of Milverton II, on the death of Henry Allen, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 60*d.*

1626–7, March 2.—John Harris, S.T.D., installed in the prebend of Whitchurch, on the death of George Cooper, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 61.

1626–7, March 18.—Francis Clunn admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 61*d.*

1627, June 1.—Thomas Tucker, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Combe XIII, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 62*d.*

1627, July 2.—Dr. Wood is elected steward for two years.—*fo.* 63*d.*

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The office of high steward to the bishop granted to John Powlett, esq., and John Powlett, his son and heir apparent, for their lives.

ACCOUNTS of PAUL GODWIN, the COMMUNAR, 1626–27.

Payments: 10*l.* to Robert Aishe, the schoolmaster; 20*l.* to John Oker, the master of the choristers.

ACCOUNTS of TIMOTHY REVETT, KEEPER of the FABRIC, 1626–27.

Receipts: 10*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* for burials, viz. Widow Lacy 1*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*, Mrs. Dowten 16*s.* 8*d.*, Mr. Bellamy 1*l.*, Mrs. Halswell 1*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, Mr. Saye 16*s.* 8*d.*, Widow Griffin 16*s.* 8*d.*, Mrs. Samborne 1*l.*, Widow Tricketts 1*l.*, Dr. Duck's son 1*l.* 10*s.*, Widow Atwood 3*s.*, and Ambrose Morton's son 3*s.*

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1627, Oct. 1.—On reading letters from the bishop, and on being informed by Mr. Adam Torrles, both by writing and verbally, "that yf Mr. Busshell would surrender the patentes of the offices which he houldeth of the said Lord Busshopp for three lives, viz.:—the office of stoare balife, keeper of the prison called the Cowhowse, woodward and keper of the pallaces of the busshopp, and tak them for his owne lyfe, the said busshopp would graunt them to hym; which the said Mr. Busshell refused, in regard wherof the said lord busshopp, as also in that the said Mr. Busshell hath done many ill offices to hym, hath graunted the said Mr. Busshell's offices to Mr. Adam Torrles and Mr. Richard Robinson severally, for their lives; which severall patentes the said deane and chapter, upon reasonable causes them movyng, have graunted to confirme with their common or chapter seale, and have sealed the same with the said seale."—*fo.* 65.

Vincent Pearce, S.T.P., installed in the prebend of Wedmore IV, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 65*d.*

1627, Oct. 24.—The canonical house vacant by the death of Mr. Henry Allen is granted to Mr. Thomas Tucker, S.T.B., prebendary of Combe XIII.—*fo.* 66.

1627, Nov. 21.—Alexander Huishe, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Wedmore II, on the death of William Slater, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 66*d.*

1627–8, Jan. 2.—Dispensation from residence granted to Dr. Barlow, the dean, in accordance with letters received from the king.—*fo.* 67.

1627–8, Jan. 15.—John Tailor admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 68.

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1627–8, Jan. 31.—Henry Pope admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 68*d.*

1628, April 1.—Mr. Tristram Towse, notary public, is deputed to act as chapter-clerk, vacant by the death of Thomas Maicock, until a new clerk shall be appointed by the dean and chapter. [The dean and sub-dean were both absent.]—*fo.* 70*d.*

1628, May 29.—Martin Simons, M.A., one of the vicars-choral, presented to the rectory of Shipham by Dr. Wood, to whom the presentation had fallen by lot.—*fo.* 71.

1628, July 1.—Thomas Lowe, clerk, vicar-choral, deprived of his office for being absent for six months.—*fo.* 72.

Bartholomew Cox, notary public, appointed chapter-clerk, on the nomination of Dr. Young, the chancellor, and sworn. Tristram Towse appointed deputy chapter-clerk and registrar of the dean and chapter's peculiars.

Dr. Revett, the master of the fabric, is to collect all arrears of stall-wages from the prebendaries.—*fo.* 72*d.*

1628, July 14.—Thomas Turner, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Combe XIV, on the death of John Baber, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 74.

1628, July 24.—Leonard Mawe, S.T.D., elected bishop of Bath and Wells, on the translation of bishop Laud to the see of London, pursuant to letters patent of the king of license to elect.—*fo.* 75.

1628, Sept. 2.—The see being vacant, the right of nominating a poor man to Bishop Still's almshouse falls to the dean and chapter; they nominate Miles Longe. —*fo.* 76.

1628, Sept. 6.—Charles Bray, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Haselberge, on the death of Thomas Masters, pursuant to mandate of George [Abbot], archbishop of Canterbury.

John Dodd, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Combe II, on the death of ——— Eggleston, pursuant to mandate of George [Abbot], archbishop of Canterbury.—*fo.* 76*d.*

1628, Sept. 23.—Christopher Tisdall, or Tisdale, M.A., installed in the prebend of Buckland Denham, on the death of William Pearce, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 77.

Accounts of Paul Godwin, the Communar, 1627–28.

Payments: 10*l.* to Robert Ashe, the schoolmaster; 20*l.* to John Oker, master of the choristers.

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1628, Oct. 1.—Mr. Yarrow complained of William Clun, vicar-choral, for calling him "base scurvy bitinge fellow, in

the quire of the cathedrall church, and that all the service that he, the said Yarrow, did, was to eate upp poore folk's victualls."—*fo.* 78*d.*

Clun complained that Yarrow called him "base fellow and sheten preist, in the quire at the tyme of divine service, and that at another place he, the said Yarrow, called him hackney-preist and stone-preist."—*fo.* 79.

1628, Oct. 4.—Henry Croke, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Combe III, pursuant to mandate of the king and the bishop. —*fo.* 81.

1628, Oct. 23.—Martin Simons, clerk, informed that in Stephen Weare's house in Wells, Mary Clark, wife of John Clarke, vicar-choral, said "that the ministers were whore-masters and drunckardes." She stated that she referred to Corne and the two Cluns, "and that she would never receave the communion at neither of their handes." Mr. Simons answered that "he did thinke she would doe pennance at the crosse for it." Henry Pope, vicar-choral, who was present at the time, stated that Mrs. Clark said "that there were such ministers made as would undoe the kingdome, and that some of them were made by the bishopp of Bristoll, and that the bishopp should heare of it in both eares when he came to Wells, and that Mr. Corne, Mr. Frauncis Clunn and one Mr. Earle were they that were made ministers by the said bishopp." The bishop of Bristol "protested that he hath made noe vicars chorall of this church ministers but by the comendacions of the deane and chapter, and that he desireth to be righted in this opprobrious scandall."—*fo.* 79.

1628–9, Jan. 2.—William Hunt, clerk and prebendary and vicar-general of the church, and Martin Symons, clerk, M.A., vicars-choral, informed "that Mr. Corne and Mr. Murry, vicars-chorall, doe geve them place of precedencie in the quire of this cathedrall church, notwithstandinge that the said Mr. Hunt and Mr. Symons ar senior preists in the holy order of the preistwood [*sic*] and the said Mr. Hunt is a senior vicar of the said church. Wherunto the said Mr. Corne and Mr. Murry, beinge present, say that they ar senior vicars-chorall of the close of the vicars of the said church, and have likewise entred into the holy order of preistwood; and that the said Mr. Hunt and Mr. Symons ar bound by the oathes, as they have severally taken uppon theyer first admission, to respect theyer seniors; and so they clayme the precedencie of the said Mr. Hunt and Mr. Symons, as beinge senior vicars of the said howse, moore auntient then eyther the said Mr. Hunt or Mr. Symons ar; and such precedencie they clayme in all places of meetinges, aswell within the close of the said vicars as without." The dean and chapter order "that the vicars that now ar or heareafter shalbe princypals may take

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place within the said howse, yf the bishop of the diocesse for the tyme beinge doe allow therof ; and that the said Mr. Hunt, in as much as he is a prebend of the said church, a batcheler of musick and the elder preist of this church in holy orders of preistwood then eyther the said Mr. Corne or Mr. Murry, therefore the said deane and chapter doe order and decree that the said Mr. Hunt and Mr. Symons, in all other places without the vicars' hall and the precincts of that howse, shall have precedencie accordinge to theier antiquitie of preistwood and their other degrees ; and other vicars of the said close shall have place accordinge to their senioritie ther, in all places within the said vicars' hall or precincts of their howse."—*fos.* 82, 83.

1628–9, Jan. 3.—Letter of attorney to Timothy Rivet, D.D., archdeacon of Bath, to sue all prebendaries in arrear with the payment of their stall-wages to the fabric of the cathedral or in respect of any other duties and payments.—[Ledger G, *p.* 74.]

1628–9, Feb. 26.—Augustine Bensford admitted a perpetual vicar-choral —*fo.* 83*d.*

1629, July 1.—Martin Symon admitted " that ever sithence the third day of Januarie last or theraboutes, when he was by the howse discomuned because he did endeavor to performe the order set downe for and concerninge precedencie in the cathedrall church of Welles, because his meanes was kept from them [*sic*], and still was ponished by the howse of the Closehall by layinge mulcts of mony on him for performinge the said order, he hath absented himself from executing his office of his vicar chorallship in the said church ; sayinge farther, that he is ready to performe his office of vicarship as he is bound by law, desiringe the favor of the deane and chapter therin, and desireth the continewance of this busines until the bishop's next visitacion." He was warned to frequent the church and do his office there.—*fo.* 85.

John Corne was charged " for that he, in the chapter howse, on the first day of July, beinge one of the generall chapter dayes wherin the vicars-chorall usually ar called, beinge told by Mr. Dr. Rivet that he was a sawcie fellow—in that he did say that whatsoever order the deane and chapter did set downe concerninge precedencie in the said church, he would not performe it—the said Mr. Corne, in cholerick, angry, contemptiouse and unmannerly fashion, told the said Dr. Rivet, befoore the said deane and chapter and all the vicars appearinge, 'Call them sawcie fellowes that cate of your sawce ; I eate noen of it.'" Corne refused to answer, was pronounced contumacious and suspended. He threatened to appeal to the bishop.—*fo.* 85*d.*

Dr. Rivet appointed steward for two years.

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1629, July 4.—David Flud admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 86.

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1629, Sept. 30.—The dean protested against the non-residence of Dr. Young and Dr. Ward.—*fo.* 87*d.*

1629, Oct. 1.—John Corne made humble submission, and was restored on taking an oath to observe the laws and orders of the church.—*fo.* 88*d.*

A lease for 40 years was granted to Arthur Duck, LL.D., of the great house wherein he lives, abutting on the house of the college, for a fine of 20*l.* Dr. Wood protested, as he had done in the cases of Dr. Wright's and Mr. Bowrne's houses.

Dr. Revett appointed official for two years.

William and Alexander Towse, gentlemen, appointed clerks of all manor courts, for their lives.—*fo.* 89.

Lease to Arthur Duck, LL.D., for 40 years, of all that great messuage, tenement and house abutting on the late house of the college on the north east, now in possession of William Evans, gent., and the canonical house of Thomas Tucker, now prebendary, on the north west; rent 19*s.* and 12*d.* A lease dated Oct. 1, 6 James, 1608, to John Langworth, S.T.D., archdeacon of Wells, was surrendered.—[Ledger G, *p.* 76.]

1629, Oct. 6.—William Roberts, S.T.D., installed as sub-dean on the death of Thomas James, pursuant to mandate of George [Abbot], archbishop of Canterbury.—*fo.* 89*d.*

1629, Oct. 19.—Thomas Rideout, M.A., presented to the vicarage of Buckland Abbas *alias* Buckland Nuton, with the chapel of Plushe [?] annexed, on the resignation of Charles Robson.—*fo.* 90*d.*

1629, Oct. 29.—Walter Curle, S.T.D., bishop of Rochester, elected bishop of Bath and Wells, on the death of Leonard Mawe, pursuant to letters patent of the king giving license to elect. The dean was not at home and his key of the chest in the treasury, where the common or chapter seal is kept, cannot be found; the dean's wife said that she had not got it. Ordered that the chest be opened for the sealing of the necessary letters and certificates.—*fo.* 91*d.*

1629, Nov. 6.—Dr. Barlow, the dean, wrote signifying his consent to the election of the new bishop.—*fo.* 93.

1629, Dec. 24.—The installation, induction and enthronization of Dr. Curle as bishop of Bath and Wells.—*fo.* 93*d.*

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1629-30, Jan. 2.—Tristram Towse, in return for many benefits received from the chapter, undertakes during his life to provide wax candles for the iron candle-stick [? *pro cero ferario*] which John Bowrne, esq., gave to the cathedral. —*fo.* 95*d.*

1630, April 2.—Lease to Francis Willughby of Wells, gent., for 40 years, of a tenement in a street commonly called the New Works, next adjoining to the Guild Hall on the south, the porch or gate leading into the church yard of the cathedral on the north, and the chorister house on the east; paying yearly to the dean and chapter or their commoner, to the use of the choristers of the cathedral, 40*s.* Lessee to do suit twice a year at the court called the lawday holden at Cannon Barne, "ther to be justifyed, ruled and ordered by the steward of the said courte of the said deane and chapter, as other of the tenauntes of the said deane and chapter ar and of right ought to be."—[Ledger G, *p.* 78.]

1630, April 13.—Thomas Walker, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Litton, on the death of Mr. Woodyeates, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 98.

1630, July 1.—The office of dean's registrar granted to Nicholas Willughby, notary public, and his assigns, for life —*fo.* 99.

1630, Aug. 31.—Mr. Arthur Alderley admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 99*d.*

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1630, Oct. 25.—"Whereas there hath bene and is a difference concerning the payment of the mony for the morning prayer, sometimes called morning masse, amongst the ministers vicars of this church; whereas Mr. William Hunt hath receaved 30*s.* and Mr. William Clunn hath receaved 10*s.* for two quarters until Christmas last; and that whereas three quarters pay, viz. 3*li.*, was behind unpaid at Michaelmas last; they, the said deane and chapter, except Dr. Wood, doe order that the mony receaved by Mr. Hunt and Mr. Clunn shalbe by them kept for their executing the said morning prayer, and that the 3*li.* remayning shalbe equally devided amongst the priests executing in the said church, and that soe from hence-forward the mony quarterly to be soe equally devided amongst the priests."—*fo.* 102*d.*

"At the same time it is ordered that such monyes as shalbe paid for offrings at Easter, or for other casualties, for marriadges, churchgoings, and such like ecclesiasticall rightes at any time of the yeare, shalbe equally divided amongst the executing priests of this church; and that he that shall receave

the Easter duties, or any other in his weeke, shalbe accomptable to the other priests for the same.—*fo.* 103.

"It is allsoe ordered that the two rectories, that have bene heretofore appointed by the master of the fabrick for the time being, shall for this yeare goe to them that are thereunto named by Dr. Godwyn, but for ever after the profittes of those places shall in generall goe amongst all the vicars chorall of this church, they in their turnes performing the service." In the presence of Masters Hunt, Corne, Murry, Clunn, Clunn and Simon, who consented to these orders.

Ordered further, "that Mr. Hunt, the sub-treasurer, shall keepe the register booke, and every minister that shall christen, marry or bury any person, shall with his owne hand write into the register booke the names of such christened, married or buried."

1630, Dec. 15.—Masters Simon, Mowry, Corne, Clunn and Clunn, vicars, were admonished for not reading morning prayer in the choir; they promised amendment.—*fo.* 103*d.*

1630–1, Jan. 3.—William Lamb elected a vicar-choral, on the proposal of the dean; Dr. Revett and Mr. Adams dissented, as he had not kept any days of probation according to the statutes of the church.—*fo.* 105.

1631, May 26.—James Wedderborne, S.T.D., installed in the prebend of Whitchurch, on the resignation of Dr. Harris, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 107*d.*

1631, April 27.—William Woodhowse, M.A., presented to the vicarage of Longsutton, on the death of John Taunton.—*fo.* 108.

1631, July 1.—Dr. Godwin elected steward for two years.—*fo.* 108*d.*

1631, July 2.—Noah [*Noacus*] Webb, M.A., installed in the prebend of Aishull, on the death of Nicholas Higgs, S.T.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 109*d.*

1631, July 20.—*Ab hac vite migravit Doctor Barlow, ecclesiæ cathedralis Wellensis decanus.—fo.* 110.

1631, Aug. 25.—George Warburton, M.A., one of the king's chaplains in ordinary, installed as dean of the cathedral church of Wells, pursuant to the king's mandate.—*fo.* 111.

Philip Mahatt nominated to the vicarage of Stogumber by Dr. John Young, the chancellor, to whom the right had fallen on casting lots.—*fo.* 112.

"The chapter, at the mocion of the right worshipfull the deane abovesaid, did and doe promise that the balls, viz.

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Pucklechurch and Cheddor, which were belonging to Mr. Deane Barlow at time of his life and death, shalbe as belonging to the now Mr. Deane, this day installed, untill that the deane and chapter shall by capitular act otherwise alter them by casting balls."

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1631, Sept. 30.—Mr. John Bowrne presented letters from the king to the dean and chapter, requesting them to appoint Mr. John Baynham to the vicarage of Stogumber. This was done, with the consent of Dr. Young.—*fo.* 113.

1631, Oct. 1.—The office of registrar of the archdeaconry of Taunton granted to Nicholas Bennet and his assigns, for three lives.—*fo.* 114*d.*

1631, Oct. 3.—The dean admitted a canon resident, upon paying 100*l.* caution money ; he is not to receive any dividend, etc., until October 1, 1632. If any canon shall die before the 100*l.* be paid, his executors shall be paid his portion. If the dean himself die before October 1, the 100*l.* shall be repaid to his executors, administrators or assigns.—*fo.* 115*d.*

Lots were cast for the benefices.—*fo.* 116.

Ordered " that whereas uppon the death of the late deane, Doctor Barlow, and the death of Mr. Crosse, late vicar of Stogumber, difference did arise concerning the casting of the balls and presenting an able and fitt man to the said vicaradge, they the said deane and chapter doe order and decree that in future time those balls that shall be void by the death of the deane or any canon resident of the said church dying or being otherwise removed from being canon resident, shalbe bestowed by the most voices of the deane and chapter, or of the president of the chapter and the major parte of the chapter in case there shall be noe deane ; and for the rest of the balls, they shall stand, be and belong to every canon resident living, in full force and power, untill the admission of a new canon, at which time balls are to be new cast."—*fos.* 116*d*, 117.

1631, Oct. 31.—Grant to Francis Keene, gentleman, for life, of the offices of keeper of the manor or mansion of Banwell, bailiff of the hundred of Winterstock and keeper of the park of Banwell.

1631–2, Jan. 2.—Joan Pope cited for using irrevent and unmannerly words to Mrs. Curle, the bishop's wife, in the cloister of the palace.—*fo.* 117*d.*

1632, April 1.—The office of registrar of the archdeaconry of Bath granted to Tristram Towse, for his life and the life of John Towse, his son.—*fo.* 119*d.*

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1632, July 2.—Anthony Walkly admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 120.

The office of keeper of the bishop's stock in his house or manor of Wells granted by the bishop to William Bushell, gent., for life, together with that of keeper of the bishop's house or prison called the Cowhouse, and of the convicts there.—*fo.* 120*d.*

1632, July 7.—The office of registrar of the archdeaconry of Wells granted to William Androwse of Shepham, for the lives of Mark Tabor, Francis Keene and William Curle, the natural and lawful son of the bishop.—*fo.* 121*d.*

William Clun, vicar-choral, cited for having said to the bishop in the palace, "unreverently" and in contempt, "that his lordship had taken away all principallitie from the vicars, and he himselfe beinge principall could doe nothinge."—*fo.* 122.

The dean produced the following letter:—

"To my worthie frends the deane and chapter of Wells.

Sirs, His majestie is informed that the communion table in your church is not furnished with such decent ornaments as are requisite and as in other cathedrall churches ar supplied. He therfoore comanded me to let you know that he expecteth from you a spedy redresse on that behalf, that he may not have cause to charge you with the neglect of your dewtie, which he will not forbeare to doe if he doe not receive a better accompt of your care heerein. Wherof not doubtinge, I remaine,

Your lovinge frend,
John Coke.

Greenwich, the 11th of June, 1632."—*fos.* 122*d*, 123.

1632, Aug. 16.—Thomas Philpot installed in the prebend of Wedmore V, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

Gilbert Wimberley, S.T.P., installed in the prebend of Wedmore IV, on the resignation of Vincent Pearce, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 123*d.*

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1632, Oct. 2.—John Corne, vicar-choral, is charged that he "yesterday night behaved himselfe irreverently in the choyre, and bowed not himselfe unto Mr. Deane comming out of the church."—*fo.* 125*d.*

The dean protested concerning the nullity of all the acts of the chapter granting dispensations for non-residence to canons, and dissented therefrom.—*fo.* 126.

The dean demanded a dividend, for last year as well as this year, due to him as dean, besides the dividend due to him as canon resident. The chapter, viz. Drs. Wood, Revett, Ward and Adams, replied that no such demand had ever been made by any dean, nor had any dean enjoyed a dividend as dean.

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1632, Oct. 29.—John Dodd, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Barton David, on the resignation of Adam Abraham, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 126*d.*

Masters Simon, Hunt, Clunn, Clunn and Mowry [vicars-choral], appeared and were warned that henceforth they must not presume to solemnize matrimony in the cathedral church by virtue of any license of the bishop or any other person not having jurisdiction within the said church.—*fo.* 127.

1632, Nov. 10.—John Swadell, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe II, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 127*d.*

1632, Nov. 19.—*Congé d'élire* on the translation of the bishop [Walter Curle] to Winchester.—[Ledger G, *p.* 177.]

1632, Nov. 26.—William Peirs, S.T.D., bishop of Peterborough, elected bishop of Bath and Wells, on the translation of Dr. Walter Curle to Winchester. [Also Ledger G, *p.* 177.] —*fo.* 128.

1632, Dec. 6.—Richard Allworth, vicar-choral in his year of probation, is amoved for being absent for six months.—*fo.* 129.

1632, Dec. 17.—Robert Crichton, M.A., installed in the prebend of Taunton, on the death of Thomas Bisse, pursuant to the mandate of George [Abbot], archbishop of Canterbury; and appointed treasurer, on the translation of Dr. Robert Wright, late bishop of Bristol [to the see of Lichfield and Coventry].—*fos.* 129*d*, 130.

Mr. Corne was cited for that he hath "contemptuously behaved himselfe towards Mr. deane of this church, aswell at home at Mr. deane's howse as in the cathedrall church, in divers particulars," and that he was absent one night without leave. He was ordered to confess in the chapter house, in the presence of the dean and chapter and the vicars-choral.—*fo.* 131.

1632–3, Jan. 2.—Edward Abbott, M.A., precentor of Wells, prayed to be admitted a canon resident, on the translation of Dr. Wright. The dean objected. Drs. Wood, Revett, Godwyn and Adams were in favour of electing him, pursuant to letters received from the king and the late King James, recommending his election at an opportune time. Adjourned.—*fo.* 132.

1632–3, Jan. 3.—The dean said "that he taketh it kindly from the chapter that, in his absence, they called Mr. Corne to aunswere some misdemeanours committed against him, but he taketh it not satisfactory to him, both because it doth come too late and because the pennaunce enjoyned is not full enough for his offences." He also stated "that he conceaveth

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himselfe not any way bound to pay the caution heretofore in divers actes mentioned, except for his promise; and in respect that he conceaveth he is not bound by law to pay the same, he beleeveth that such his promise doth not bind him."—*fo.* 133.

1632–3, Jan. 4.—[The proposed election of Mr. Abbott.] The dean protested that he was most ready to obey the royal mandate, but that, in addition to the other reasons already given, no such letters from King Charles were extant, nor was there any mention of them among the chapter acts. For the present, therefore, he did not propose the election of any one as a canon resident. When such letters should appear, he would be prepared to obey them in all matters touching himself, whether by reason of his office or as a good subject. The canons then present protested and affirmed that they had received and seen letters, both from King James and King Charles, for the election of Mr. Abbott as a canon resident; and therefore for the first, second and third time, *instanter, instantius et instantissime*, they demanded that he be proposed and elected a canon resident when he should produce his caution, according to ancient custom. The dean refused to propose the election of a canon resident. Mr. Abbott then humbly prayed to be elected, having first offered his caution. The canons demanded that the dean should propose him, which he refused to do.—*fo.* 134.

William Peers enthroned as bishop of Bath and Wells, on the translation of the last bishop [Walter Curle, to the see of Winchester].—*fo.* 135.

1632–3, Jan. 7.—Ordered that "the lay vicars of this church shall read the first lesson by seniority in order."—*fo.* 137*d.*

1632–3, Jan. 28.—Lease of the rectory of Mudford, for three lives, granted to William Beaton for a fine of 500*l.*

1632–3, Feb. 25.—Richard Hayward, vicar of Curryrivill, cited for not having paid the first moiety of the third subsidy to the king, due Dec. 1 last, and to show cause why he should not be suspended. The citation had been made by Thomas Norcott on Feb. 14 calling for Mr. Hayward three times with a loud voice at his house in the parish of Curryrivill, and he did not appear. He is to be cited again for April 1 next.—*fo.* 138.

Similar proceedings against:—

John Tompson, vicar of Castlecary.

Edmund Sutton, rector of Haulton.

Ezekiel Pownall, rector of Wraxall; notice was given that he had paid that day.

John Hunt, rector of Exford.

John Coster, rector of Brushford.

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Laurence Uppington, rector of Wythycombe.
Anthony Richardson, rector of Kingsdon.
Robert Reason, rector of Otterhampton.
[Richard] Powell, rector of Spaxton.
Musgrove, vicar of Wembdon.
—*fos.* 138*d*, 139.

1632–3, March 4.—Thomas Tucker, S.T.B., resigned his canonical house within the liberty, which was granted to Robert Crichton, M.A., the treasurer.—*fo.* 139*d*.

The dean produced a copy of certain royal letters in favour of Mr. Edward Abbott, sent heretofore ; which copy is ordered to be registered.—*fo.* 140.

1632–3, March 5.—Proposed election of Edward Abbott and Robert Crichton as canons resident. Mr. Abbott and Mr. Crichton appeared ; each of them tendered his caution money of 100*l.* in cash, and demanded election as his right. Mr. Crichton also produced letters from the king, dated February 19, which were read and discussed, together with the royal letters in favour of Mr. Abbott and that part of the charter or letters patent dealing with the election of canons resident. The dean proposed the election of Mr. Crichton, and protested that he was bound by virtue of the charter and in obedience to the royal letters to propose him, and he could not and ought not to propose any other.—*fos.* 140*d*, 141.

Dr. Wood protested that for his part he was ready to elect Mr. Abbott in obedience to the royal letters formerly sent, and he believed that according to the charter, statutes and customs of the church and the royal letters, they were bound [*necesse est*] to propose him for election ; *et casu quo nulla esset differentia inter dictos Magistros Abbott et Crichton, se paratissimum esse pro electione dicti Magistri Crichton . . . exhiberet.*

Dr. Revett and Dr. Godwyn agreed with him in all respects.

The dean declared that neither by the charter, statutes, nor by the customs of the church, were they bound to propose Mr. Abbott. The said canons then appealed to the charter or letters patent, statutes and customs of the church, submitting themselves further in that behalf to the royal will.—*fo.* 141*d*.

The dean demanded a transcript of so much of the charter as concerned elections of this kind, the transcript to be signed by the dean and chapter. The canons agreed to direct their actuary to make the transcript and to sign it.

1632–3, March 13.—The dean, by virtue of the letters patent and in obedience to the royal letters last sent, again proposed Mr. Crichton as a canon resident. He was elected, but his admission and the receipt of his caution money were deferred to the next general chapter.—*fos.* 142, 143.

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1633, April 1.—John Tompson, vicar of Castlecary, suspended for not appearing when cited.

John Coster, rector of Brushford, and Anthony Richardson, rector of Kingsdon, were also cited ; their cases were adjourned until April 29, on which day the latter paid.—*fo.* 143*d.*

Robert Reason, rector of Otterhampton, and Richard Powell, rector of Spaxton, were also suspended for non-appearance ; the latter paid on April 30.

Mr. Robert Crichton, the treasurer, tendered his caution money of 100*l.*, and prayed to be admitted as canon resident. —*fo.* 144.

Valentine Powell, notary public, appeared for Mr. Abbott, who was, he said, an old man and so much hindered at present by weighty business that he could not attend this chapter ; he tendered 100*l.* caution money, and humbly prayed, for the first, second and third time, *instanter, instantius et instantissime*, that Mr. Abbott be proposed, admitted and elected a canon resident.

The dean declared that the election of Mr. Crichton on March 13 last was void. He then proposed Mr. Crichton anew, and he was elected [Dr. Wood apparently dissenting] ; he was not to begin his residence or to take any benefit before October 1 next.—*fo.* 144*d.*

Bartholomew Cox, the chapter clerk, with the consent and approbation of the dean and chapter, appointed Tristram Towse, notary public, to write the chapter acts, etc., and to receive for his own use the salary belonging to the office, except the pension paid by the chancellor, Towse paying over to Cox one third of the fees received by him and indemnifying Cox against any act done by Towse.—*fo.* 145.

(*Signed*) Barth'eus Cox ; Tri : Towse.

William Wattes, M.A., installed in the prebend of Henstridge, on the translation of Robert [Wright], late bishop of Bristol, pursuant to mandates of the king and the bishop.

1633, April 29.—John Coster, rector of Brushford, was suspended for non-appearance to a citation. He paid the subsidy on June 21 and was absolved.—*fo.* 146*d.*

1633, July 1.—Ordered that " they ratified the new making of the choristers' deske in the choyre, which on the last chapter day they discussed of."—*fo.* 147.

Consent was given to the burial of Mr. Martin Simon's wife in the nave, near her daughter buried there.

On the nomination of Dr. Wood (to whom the right had fallen on the last casting of lots, *fo.* 146), William Woodhowse, M.A., was presented to the vicarage of Longsutton, vacant by the cession of the said Woodhowse by reason of his accepting a second benefice before he was sufficiently dispensed and qualified.

Dr. Richard Adams appointed steward for two years.

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The right of fishing, hunting and hawking within the hundred of Northcurry granted to Dr. Godwyn for a term of 21 years. —*fo.* 147*d.*

1633, July 1.—Lease to Paul Godwin, D.D., one of the canons resident, for 21 years, of the fishing in the water or river of Tone, from Borrowbridge to Hamstone *alias* Hammills, in the hundred of North Curry, and of and in all other river or rivers within the said hundred, and the weare or weares in the river of Tone of old time accustomed, and "the games of fowling of and with feysands, partridges and other wild fowle, and hunting within the said hundred"; rent 16*s.* It shall be lawful for the dean and chapter or any canon resident "to take his and their pleasure in fishing in any of the said rivers," with the help of the lessee's servants and nets, and also "to hawke and fowlle" within the said hundred, and to keep the fish and fowl so taken to his and their own use. The dean and chapter's tenants of the manors of North Curry, East Curry, Knapp in Curry, Wrantage, Westhatch and Knapp Fee, within the said hundred, may at all times fish in the said rivers "with angling rods, ilespeares and fagott, and no otherwise; such fagottes to be laid in such place and places as that they may be noe hinderance or lett unto such draftes as shall be made with nettes."—[Ledger G, *p.* 195.]

1633, Sept. 18.—One by name Roger Bredman, as he asserted, appeared and presented a royal mandate for his admission to a place in the hospital.—*fo.* 148.

Ordered "that two new seates should be erected at the deane and chapter's charge for my lord bishopp's wife and the deane and canons' wifes of this church to sitt and be in at service and sermon time, vizt. one on the one side of the choyre and another seate on the other side of the choyre over the prebendaryes stalls."

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Payments: 10*l.* to Robert Ashe, the schoolmaster; 20*l.* to John Oker, master of the choristers.

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1633, Sept. 30.—Whereas Bartholomew Cox, the chapter clerk, has with the consent of the dean and chapter appointed and substituted Tristram Towse of Wells, notary public, "to write, speede and expedite such actes and instrumentes in the chapter howse of the said church as by the said chapter clarke ought to be done;" it is further agreed between them, with the approbation of John Young, D.D., dean of Winton and chancellor of Wells cathedral, to whom the nomination of the chapter clerk appertains, that Towse, both in the absence

and presence of Cox, shall continue "the speeding and expediting such actes and instrumentes," Cox, when present, giving his consent thereto. Towse to pay Cox one half of the fees received by him, and if Cox shall write and dispatch any such acts or instruments and receive the due fees therefor, he shall pay to Towse "such halfendeale as aforesaid." They shall bear equally the cost of parchment and books required. Cox to have the custody of the records "belonging to be kept by the said chapter clarke," but Towse is "to have the sight of them as occasion shall be." All clerks' fees to be equally divided between Cox's clerks and Towse's clerks.

(*Signed*) Jo. Young.
Barth. Cox.
Tri: Towse.*

—*fo.* 150.

1633, Oct. 1.—Copy of the royal letters, 1615, in favour of Dr. Young, the chancellor.

James R.

Trustie and wellbeloved, wee greete you well. Whereas John Young, Doctor of Divinity, chauncellor, and one of your canons of the cathedrall church of Wells, by reason of his attendaunce on us and imployment in our service, cann not reside amongst you and performe such ordinary dueties as his place may require, Theis are to certify you that, notwithstanding his non residence, it is our speciall pleasor that henceforth he enjoy all commodityes, dividentes and quotidians, any way belonging to his place, in as full and ample manner as yf he were there present. By doing whereof you shall doe us very acceptable service. Given at Cranburne, the viij of August, 1615.

To our trusty and welbeloved the deane and chapter of the cathedrall church of Wells."

Examinatur per me Tri: Towse.

Mr. deane of Winton† had the originall away with him this day.—*fo.* 149*d.*

1633, Oct. 1.—Letters patent of the peculiar jurisdiction granted to Dr. Adams.

1633, Oct. 23.—Lease to Sir William Portman of Orchard, co. Somerset, bart., for three lives, of the capital mansion house of the manor of North Curry, and the barns called North Curry Barns, and all tithes of "sheffe corn" and grain within the parish of North Curry, certain lands, "the herbadge, mastadge and pannadge" of Knapp Wood, and a "culver-howse" there, and a barn and the tithes of "sheffe corne" and grain in Westhatch; excepted and reserved all perquisites

* Tristram Towse is sometimes called "register" and sometimes "deputy clerk"; Cox is always called "chapter clerk."

† The Dean of Winchester was Dr. Young himself, so appointed 1616.

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of courts, fines, herriots, etc., and the advowson of the vicarage of North Curry; rent 48*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.* Lessee covenants to deliver yearly to the reeve of North Curry so much wheat and other corn for the feast of Christmas as the said Sir William or Sir John Portman, his father, or any other farmers of the said barns have used to deliver, and any wheat and other corn not used at the feast is to be handed to the dean and chapter; to find yearly for the officers of the dean and chapter and their servants, sufficient bread, meat and drink, for two visitations, two law-days and one quarter court, "tarryeing at every of the said visitacions and lawdaies (held togeather) the space of fower daies, and at the said quarter court by the space of three daies, that is to say, two honest and sufficient messes of meate for the said officers and their servauntes and retinew at every meale during the dayes aforesaid, and alsoe honest and sufficient lodginges for the steward of the said deane and chapter, being one of the canons resident of the said church, and six other persons, duringe the visitacions, lawdaies and courte aforesaid, by the space of daies aforesaid; and alsoe to finde unto the grand jury for the kinge's majestie, at every of the said lawdaies, sufficient meate and drinke for one dynner onely; and to give in reward amongst the servauntes of the steward for the time being yeerely at every of the said lawdaies and court 2*s.*; and alsoe to finde unto the officers of the said deane and chapter at every of the said visitacions, lawdaies and courtes, sufficient stable roome, hay, litter and provinder for seaven horses, or more if any of their frindes shall chaunce thither to resort unto them, soe that they exceede not the number of tenn horses"; on default of such entertainment and provision for the officers, the lessee shall forfeit 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; also, "if it happen anie of the said chapter, being canon residentes at Wells, to repaire unto Northcurry aforesaid for the affaires of the said deane and chapter, at anie other tyme then at the tymes before specified, that then the said Sir William Portman and his assignes, uppon sufficient warning to him or them given by the comminour of the said deane and chapter or any other of the residentes, shall provide for the said person or persons soe repairing thither, sufficient meate, drink, lodging, stable-roome, hay, litter and provinder, takeing for meate and drinke only such summes of money as the said Sir William Portman and his assignes shall reasonablely paie for the same;" also to repair all buildings, etc., and the chancel of the parish church of Northcurry, for which he may cut "grosse timber" and take sufficient frith, hedgeboote and gateboote, and the comminar shall pay or allow him an annuity of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* in recompence of the steward's charges and reparations before specified.

"Memorandum that Sir William Portman hath given bond in 200*li.* not to presen the vicar of Northcurry," etc.—[Ledger G, *pp.* 201, 204.]

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1633–4, Jan. 2.—The dean paid 40*l.* to Dr. Wood, the comminar, for part of his caution, and promised to pay 40*l.*, the unpaid residue of his caution, on Jan. 2, 1634[–5].—*fo.* 151*d.*

1633–4, Jan. 3.—Thomas Powell, S.T.B., presented to the vicarage of Pucklechurch.—*fo.* 152.

Ordered, "that a course in law at the charge of the deane and chapter of this church shalbe prosecuted against Mr. Mallett, in defence of their right unto their coppyhold landes belonging to the rectory of Lideard Episcopi."

1633–4, Jan. 7.—John Morse admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 152*d.*

1633–4, Jan. 29.—Charles I to the dean and chapter.

Whereas our late deere father, King James of blessed memorie, was pleased by his letters to recommend unto you Edward Abbott, chiefe chantour of that church, to be chosen residentiarie there, since which time our selfe likewise have been gratiously pleased to write our letters to you in favor of him for that purpose; notwithstanding all which, we understand he hath not yet obtained anie place of resident there. We have thought good, by this our speciall letters, to lett you knowe that although we lately thought fitt that Robert Crighton should be preferred before the said Abbott, it was neither of dislike of the person of the said Abbott, nor of opinion of anie disability or unfitnes in him, but because you then certified us that the residentiaryshipp then voyde did, by the expresse wordes of our charter, belong to the treasurershipp of that church, which we had then bestowed upon the said Crighton. Now forasmuch as we hold the said Edward Abbott verie fitt for that preferment, and to the end he may be noe longer delayed, we are now againe gratiously pleased to recommend him unto you to be chosen into the next residentiary place in that church which shall become voyde, uppon the death, surrender or other avoydance of anie prebend residentiary, at large there, according to the custome of that church, which we doe the more earnestly requier you because the former letters written in favor of him have bene heretofore without successe. We doubt not of your conformity to this our pleasure, both in regard of this our princely recommendation and of the merittes of the said Edward Abbott, wherein you shall doe a service verie acceptable to us. Provided alwaies, and our will and pleasure is, that this shall be noe prejudice nor wronge to anie dignity in that church which now hath a residentiaryshipp annexed to it. At our pallace of Westminster.—[Lodger G, *p.* 205.]

1633–4, Jan. 31.—A commission is to be issued to certain clergymen and some discreet laymen of the chapter's peculiar

jurisdictions to view the churches, parsonage and vicarage houses and to report on their defects. The " register " [Towse] to wait on the dean for instructions.—*fo.* 153.

1633–4, Feb. 5.—Letters from the king, dated Jan. 29 last, were read, in favour of Edward Abbott, the precentor ; the chapter unanimously declared themselves ready to obey with alacrity, and to elect Mr. Abbott a canon resident.—*fo.* 153*d.*

Roger Wood, M.A., appointed official of the archdeaconry of Wells.

Dr. Gerard Wood, S.T.D., archdeacon of Wells, appointed official of the dean and chapter, to hear all causes, actions and plaints, etc., within the peculiar jurisdictions.—*fo.* 154.

1633–4, Feb. 7.—Mr. Martin Simon appeared to answer certain articles. The two first [not specified] he believed to be true. The third is true, saving this " that he sayeth that he did not procure himselfe to be married with an intent to contemne the aucthority of this court, neither did he ride to Bristoll with intent or resolucion to be marrid there."—*fo.* 154*d.*

Other articles related to a dispute between his wife and Mrs. Frances Powell as to a seat in the choir ; to irreverent behaviour to Dr. Godwin " in the staires neere the chapter doore " ; to leaving the church before the sermon, which he admitted, but only when he was ill.

To the eighth article he answered " that he did not weare a civill hood untill he was a Mr. of artes of fower yeares standing, and since that he hath worne one, which he beleeveth he may doe by the privilidges of the university of Cambridge, wheare he tooke his degree." He was willing to discontinue it if the dean and canons " doe dislike therewith," etc. He and his wife were ordered to confess their faults before the dean and chapter and the vicars-choral. For abusing Dr. Godwyn he shall be pardoned if he give a written apology.—*fo.* 155.

1633–4, Feb. 11.—Ordered that letters or a petition be sent to Lord Coventry, keeper of the great seal, for the disposition of 150*l.*, part of a legacy from one John Budge of London.—*fo.* 155*d.*

1633–4, Feb. 11.—To the right honourable Lord Coventry, lord keeper of his Majestie's greate seale of England.

The humble peticion of the deane and chapter of the cathedrall church of Wells.

Right honourable and our very good lord,

Whereas one John Budge of London, stationer, by his last will and testament, dated December 26, anno domini 1625, gave divers legacies to good uses, amongst which he gave 200*li.* for the maintenance of a lecture or sermon to be preached

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every Satturday in the yeare in the upper church of the citty of Welles in the county of Somerset, called St. Andrewe's in Welles, at the discrecion of the lord bishopp and deane for the time being. But by reason of divers charges brought in uppon accompt by the executors, there could be receaved from the Chamber of London only 150*li.*, and about the charge of neere twenty poundes hath ben already expended, as alsoe future charge to come; soe that the legacy being much diminished, it is impossible that such a lecture as the donor intended should be maintayned.

We, the deane and chapter, being desirous that soe pious a worke might be in some part performed, according to the proportion of mayntenance left, doe become earnest sutors unto your lordshipp that we, the said deane and chapter, may have the remainder of the said legacie committed to our charge by your lordshipp's decree in the high court of chancery, and in consideracion hereof, if your honour shall thinke fitt, wee will be ready to performe eight sermons every yeare, either by ourselves, the deane and cannons residentiary, or by our lawfull deputies for the same; and if the said number of sermons shall not be performed accordingly, we will be willing to give such assurance as your honour shall thinke fitt, to repay such sommes as we shall receave into the hands of the lord bishopp of Bath and Wells and deane of the same church for the time beinge, to the end that the said number of dayes may be performed by some others.

Your honour's ever readie to be commaunded.

George Warburton, dean.
Gerard Wood.
Timothy Revet.
Paul Godwin.

The dayes which we desire, if it shall be thought fit by your lordship, for we have no sermons on these dayes, are these: All Saintes, St. Andrew, Epiphany, Purificacion, Annunciacion, Ashwensday, Good Fryday, Ascention.—[Ledger G, *p.* 205.]

1633–4, Feb. 11.—Sir Francis Windebanke to the dean and chapter.

His majesty, haveing lately directed his letters to you in favor of Mr. Edward Abbott to be preferred to the next place of resident that should become voyde in that church, and haveing since understood that there is now lately a place become voyde there by the death of Dr. Adams, who was heretofore elected to that residentiaryshipp when Mr. Abbott should of right have succeeded in that place, hath bene pleased to command me to signify his pleasure to you expressly for avoyding of all further competition, and to the end that Mr. Abbott may noe longer be delayed, that you forthwith chose and admitt the said Edward Abbott, and noe other, to that place of resident in that church now voyde by the death of the said Mr. Adams, to be enjoyed by him with all profittes

and commodities thereunto belonging. And hereof you are not to faile, for soe is his majestie's expresse pleasure. The court at Whithall.—[Ledger G, *p.* 206.]

1633–4, Feb. 18.—Mr. Edward Abbott, the precentor, elected a canon resident, on the death of Dr. Adams, pursuant to letters from Francis Windebank, indicating the royal will in that behalf.—*fo.* 155*d.*

1633–4, Feb. 22.—Mr. Abbott admitted on payment of 100*l.* caution money; he is not to begin his residence or take any benefit before October 1, 1635.—*fo.* 156.

1633–4, March 20.—Lease (on surrender of John Atwell) to Augustine Benford, vicar-choral, for 40 years, of a tenement or house or part of a building, whereupon there is now a new house built, and of a plot of ground adjoining, "lying . . . upon the church camery of the west side next unto the canonicall howse wherein sometime Dr. Rogers did dwell and now Dr. Wood, archdeacon of Wells, inhabiteth, which said plot of ground extendeth and runneth in length north and south from the said old howse or new buildinge, now or lately new built, wholely unto the south doore next unto a chappell on the north side of the quier of the said cathedrall church inclusive, and in breadth east and west as it now lyeth and heretofore hath soe layen, within the distuance of two foote of the wall of the said Dr. Woode's canonicall howse unto the Treasure Howse wall, viz.: unto the corner of the Treasure Howse next unto the said new erected howse, and extending noe farther then the corner of the east end of the casting howse and unto the wall adjoyning to the Treasure Howse on the south"; paying yearly to the dean and chapter or the master of the fabric 6*s.* 8*d.* Right of access reserved to the said plot of ground whenever necessary for the repairs of the cathedral, or the canonical house. Lessee to do suit of court twice a year at Cannon Barne, and not to assign or underlet to any person "but unto such as shall first put in sufficient securitie unto the said deane and chapter and their successors, to keepe the said deane and chapter and their successors freely exonerated and discharged from all charge of such men, women and children as may be onerous and troublesome to them and their libertie of the said cathedrall church"; and shall not keep there "any noysome cattell or swyne or horse or geese, or any such like, to the anoyance or disturbance of the church, neither shall build or make any prevy or such noisome howse neere unto the cathedrall church or canonicall howse aforesaid."—[Ledger G, *p.* 213.]

1634, April 1.—The office of registrar of the bishop of Bath and Wells granted to Mr. James Huish, notary public, for a term of three lives.—*fo.* 157*d.*

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Dr. Wood, archdeacon of Wells, elected steward of this church.

Ordered, "that Mr. Dr. Wood shall lay out such fees and charges as shalbe necessarily laid out about the mony given towardes sermons to be preached in this church, by and in the testament of one Budge of London."—*fo.* 158.

[The marginal note to this is:—*Constitucio magistri D. Wood ad prosequendum negotium pecuniam Budge concernens.*]

Grant to Mr. Robert Cricton [*sic*] of the canonical house in which Dr. Addams lately dwelt.—*fo.* 158*d.*

Mrs. Addams asked leave to make a door in the wall so that she might have a way into the churchyard from her house in Sadler Street so long as she lived there. The dean and chapter agreed to this, with the exceptions of Dr. Wood, who gave consent *ad rem set non ad actum faciendum*, and Dr. Godwin, who dissented *tam ad rem quam ad actum.*

The canonical house lately Mr. Robert Crichton's and formerly Mr. Thomas Tucker's, granted to William Roberts, S.T.D., the sub-dean, Drs. Wood and Godwin dissenting, on the ground that Dr. Roberts is not a prebendary.

1634, April 3.—Mr. Crichton's deed was sealed. Dr. Roberts' deed was not sealed, Drs. Wood and Godwin still objecting. —*fo.* 159.

Copy of Mr. Crichton's deed.—*fo.* 159*d.*

1634, April 23.—Dr. Wood authorised to lay out the necessary charges "concerning the prosecuting of suites against Mr. Mallett."—*fo.* 160.

1634, June 22.—Charles I to William [Piers], bishop of Bath and Wells, "and to the lord bishopp that hereafter for the time shall be."

Wee have of late taken the state of our severall bishoprickes into our princely consideracion, that wee may be the better able to preserve that livelyhood which as yet is left unto them. Uppon this deliberacion, wee fynde that of later tymes there hath not risen a greater inconvenience then by turning leases of one and twenty yeares into lives, for by that meanes the presente bishop puttes a great fyne into his owne purse, to enrich himself, his wife and children, and leaves all the succeeding bishops, of what desertes soever, to us and the church, destitute of all that growinge meanes which else would come in to helpe them. By which course, should it continue, scarse any bishop could be able to live, and keepe house according to his place and calling. We knowe the statute makes it alike lawfull for a bishop to lett his lease for one and twenty yeares or three lives, but tyme and experience have made it apparent that there is a greate deale of difference betweene them, especially in church leases, where men are commonly in greate yeares before they come to those places.

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These are therefore to will and command you, uppon perill of our utmost displeasure and what shall follow thereon, that, notwithstanding any statute or any other pretence whatsoever, you presume not to lett any lease belonging to your bishopricke into lives which is not in lives already; and further, that where any fayre opportunity is offered you, if any such be, you fayle not to reduce such as are in lives into yeares.* And wee doe likewise will and require that these our royall letters may remayne uppon record, both with your owne register and with the register of the deane and chapter of your cathedrall church, and that by them notice be given to all your successors respectively (whom wee will that these letters shall concerne as much as your selfe) that they presume not to breake any of these our commandes in the least manner, as you and they will aunswere itt att your and their uttermost perills. At our mannor of Greenewich.—[Ledger G, *p.* 222.]

1634, June 22.—Charles I to the dean and chapter, "and to the deane and chapter of that church that hereafter for the time shall be."

[In terms similar to the last, *mutatis mutandis*, down to the asterisk.]

And wee doe likewise will and require that theis our letters may remayne uppon record in your own register bookes and in the registry of the lord bushopp of that dioces, that he may take notice of these our commandes unto you, and give us and our royall successors knowledge yf you presume in any sort to disobey them. And further, whereas in our late instructions wee have commanded all our bushopps respectively not to lett any lease after wee have named any of them to a better bushopricke, but did not in those instructions name the deanes, who yet were intended by us; these are therefore to declare unto you that noe deane shall presume to renewe any lease, either into lives or yeares, after such tyme as wee have nominated him either to a better denary or a bushopricke, haveing observed that, at such tymes of remove, many men care not what or how they lett, to the prejudice of the church and their successors. And this is our expresse command to you, your chapter and your successors, which is any case wee require both you and them strictly to observe, uppon payne of our highe displeasure, and as you and they will aunswere the contrary at your and their uttmost perills. At our mannor of Greenewich.—[Ledger G, *p.* 223.]

1634, July 3.—John Weston, M.A., installed in the prebend of Compton Dundon, pursuant to mandate of William [Laud], archbishop of Canterbury.—*fo.* 161.

1634, July 14.—Certain letters from the king to the dean and chapter were read, and it was resolved to obey them.

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The registrar [Tristram Towse] was ordered to register them in the book designed for such things.*—*fo.* 161*d.*

Cash Book of Timothy Revett, Keeper of the Fabric, 1633–34.

Receipts: 2*l.* legacy from Dr. Addams; 9*s.* 4*d.* various small legacies or collections; burials, 1*l.* Mrs. Symons, 8*s.* 8*d.* Ambrose Murton's wife in the Palm Churchyard, 10*s.* Thomas Hancocke.

Payments: 17*s.* 3*d.* for wood, tiles and laths "pro le whirligog"; 12*s.* 9*d.* for glazing the chapter house; 2*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.* for glazing the church at the north part; 1*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* to John Hayward of Bath for repairing the organ; 6*s.* 6*d.* for remaking Horwell and bells; 1*l.* 10*s.* for a wheel for Horwell and for fitting [*aptanti*], and 3*s.* 6*d.* for ironwork and labour for the same; 18*s.* 7*d.* for remaking le whirligog over against the dean's gate†; 18*s.* "pro le 3 quarter rota" for the 4th bell; 5*s.* for remaking the lead work on the chapter house and 10*s.* for ironwork; 11*s.* 3*d.* for a seat in the nave; 29*l.* 2*s.* 1½*d.* for seats in the chapel of Blessed Mary; 4*s.* 8*d.* for 7*lbs.* of tallow candles and colouring the same; to the ringers, 11*s.* on birth of Duke of York, 8*s.* on Nov. 19, the king's birthday, 2*s.* 6*d.* on March 13, the return of bishop Peirce, 5*s.* on the coming of the lord chief baron, Sir Humphrey Davenport, 8*s.* on the coming of Sir Nathaniel Brint, vicar-general.—[With Communar's Book, 1679–80.]

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1634, Sept. 30.—Thomas Hall, vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Wells, having resigned, Thomas Westleigh was appointed on the nomination of Dr. Revett [to whom the right fell on the last casting of lots, *fo.* 158].—*fo.* 162*d.*

1634, Oct. 1.—An indenture of the manor of Tingcherst *alias* Fingest, co. Bucks, made by Dr. Young to William Ferrar *alias* Turner of Cookeham, co. Berks, for three lives, was ordered to be confirmed under the common or chapter seal.

The royal letters exhibited on July 14 last were read, forbidding leases for more than 21 years. The former resolution to obey them was ratified.—*fo.* 163.

Dr. Young, the chancellor, begged the dean to consider well before he opposed the letters of the late king James for dispensation of the said chancellor as to non-residence, and contradicted by his own act the acts of the dean and chapter formerly done in that behalf, in the presence of the dean himself, who did not oppose the royal letters, but protested

* Ledger G.

† Simes' map shows a turnstile opposite the deanery gate.

that he stood by their true tenor and effect. The dean replied that that act was one of the first done by him after his installation, when he had no notice of the statutes or charter of the church, and before he had seen the royal letters ; and further he claimed to have his dividend allowed him on the footing of six canons resident.

The dean announced that in a few days he would have to occupy himself with royal business, and he requested that the accounts of the church be not finished before his return from such business. Dr. Wood, the comminar for the past year, affirmed that a certain day was fixed for finishing the accounts.

[There are many documents, extending over several pages, dealing with the question of the non-residence of Dr. Young.]

1634, Oct. 6.—Charles I to the bishop.

[Reciting his letters of June 22 last.]—All which wee have done for the greate good and advancement of the church, as wee doubt not but in future times will plainly appeare. Now forasmuchas wee have bene informed that some, more affecting their present private gaine then the future good of the church, whereof they are members, have misinterpreted those our princely letters, and doe conceyve that our meaning is to prohibbitt only the letting of such leases into lives as are graunted by the deane and chapter of any church by common consent, and that every particular deane, archdeacon or prebend, who hath any corpes [? *corpus*] allotted to his dignity, might notwithstanding dispose of it for lives without breach of our royall commaund, as if wee would direct our letters to a body in generall and not intend to include every severall member thereof. Theis are therefore to will and require you that you fayle not to signifye this explanacion of our princely pleasure to your severall archdeacons and to the deane and chapter of your cathedrall church, that they may impart itt to every prebend, which is, that wee doe not only lay theis our commaundes uppon them and their successors in generall, but likewise uppon every particular member of that church whom they may any way concerne, from the highest to the meanest officer in the same, including the vicars choralls, in what church soever any such body is. . . . At our honour of Hampton Court.—[Ledger G, *p.* 231.]

1634, Oct. 22.—Letters from the king to the bishop were read, concerning the granting of leases for more than 21 years. Ordered that the prebendaries and vicars-choral be cited for January 2.—*fo.* 167.

1634, Oct. 25.—Francis Standish appointed a perpetual vicar-choral.

1634–5, Jan. 2.—The dean paid 40*l.*, the residue of his caution money.—*fo.* 167*d.*

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The vicars-choral and Mr. Mahatt, prebendary of Compton Bishop's, appeared and were warned of the king's letters as to leasing their lands. The other prebendaries, though duly cited, did not appear and were pronounced contumacious.

Mr. John Oker is charged "that he did not consult with the canons resident of this church before he did give notice to the vicars that there should be noe antumne sung in steede of *Nunc dimittis* or *Benedictus*, but only according to the forme of common prayer." He answered that "he was commaunded by the reverend father in god the lord bushopp of Bath and Wells, in the presence of Mr. Doctor Wood, to give such notice . . . which he did without consulting with any the canons resident of this church then in towne." The dean, after examining the statutes of this church, pronounced him contumacious, and suspended him from his office of vicar and from the profits thereof for one week.—*fo.* 168.

In the absence of the precentor, the dean warned John Oker, the master of the choristers, to admit Nicholas Clunn in the place of John Corne.

The dean declared "that in case it shall be my lordes grace of Caunterbury his pleasure that Frauncis Lewes shall be placed in a chorister [*sic*] of this church in the place of William Bisse, taking it to be in his grace his power soe to place him by meanes of his metropoliticall visitacion, then he doth decree (in all obedience to his grace his pleasure) that the said Lewes shall be soe admitted; but untill his grace shall soe declare himselfe, the said Mr. Oker is not to admitt him a chorister." Even though the archbishop should not give any directions, since the bishop of Bath and Wells has also desired it, the dean will be content that Lewes should be admitted, "yf he be as fitt as another that shall be tendered." But there are three other boys that are very likely, George Oker, George Hulett and John Read, and it is right that the worthiest be chosen.—*fo.* 168*d.*

1634–5, Jan. 2.—Lease to Mary Maicock of Wells, widow, for 40 years, of "all that shilfe-howse or out-howse . . . adjoyneinge unto the west end of the cathedrall church . . . and on the south side of the said west end of the said church, and on the north side of a room or howse sometyme used for and commonly called the Doale-howse, neere to the Grammer Schoole"; rent 4*d.*—[Ledger G, *p.* 238.]

1634–5, Feb. 9.—Henry Pope, vicar-choral, suspended from his office and the profits thereof for one week, for going out of town to Bristol without leave asked of Mr. dean.—*fo.* 169.

1634–5, March 12.—Sebastian Smith, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe VIII, on the death of Edward Abbott, pursuant to mandate of the bishop; and appointed precentor.—*fo.* 169*d.*

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1634–5, March 20.—Walter Raleigh, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe II, on the resignation of John Swadell, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 170*d.*

1635, April 1.—The dean informed the chapter that he had received an order from the archbishop of Canterbury to remove all seats from the nave of the cathedral church ; the chapter unanimously gave order accordingly.—*fo.* 171*d.*

For the place of a canon resident vacant by the death of Edward Abbott, there were two petitioners, Sebastian Smith, the new precentor, and Thomas Walker, S.T.D. ; the latter was elected by a majority, and paid 100 marks caution money. —*fo.* 172*d.*

1635, April 11.—Thomas Peirs, S.T.D., installed in the prebend of Compton Bishop, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 173*d.*

1635, April 16.—The dean and chapter "unanimously authorized (as much as in them lieth) Thomas Bakehowse and Thomas Sergeaunt of Wells, groviers, Nicholas Sexton, gent., Edward Browning and Cornelius Wattes of Wells aforesaid, to digg and search for lead oare within their mannor of Winscombe and in every or any parte of their wast ground, and particularly in the inclosed [? grounds] of Mr. Henry Tripp, their tenaunt there, and shall forthwith sett on the said worke, with consent of the said Tripp. Provided and on condicion that they shall pay unto the deane and chapter aforesaid the seaventh parte of the said lead oare for their parte, as being lordes of the said groundes where the said lead oare is to be found, and allsoe the tenth parte or lottlead to the said deane and chapter, as being the cheife lordes royall of the soyle. But yf the oare expected and hoped for doe not arise soe plentifully as to defray the workmen's wages and necessary charges, then the deane and chapter is to have but the eigth parte, and the said lottlead or 10th parte of the oare that shall be found in the said groofes. Which aggreement is to be confirmed on the next chapter day, and that the said Tripp, for his suffring his groundes to be broken upp, shall be saved harmeles from the deane and chapter abovesaid."—*fo.* 174.

1635, July 1.—Dr. Revett appointed steward for two years. —*fo.* 174*d.*

The canonical house lately occupied by Mr. Crichton, granted to Dr. Roberts, the sub-dean.

1635, Sept. 14.—Thomas Man [or Manne], S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Combe IV.—*fo.* 175.

Accounts of Timothy Revett, the Communar, 1634–35.

Payments : 10*l.* to Robert Ashe, the schoolmaster ; 20*l.* to John Oker, master of the choristers.

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1635, Oct. 1.—"Mr. deane proposed to the chapter then present that he had received a commaund from my lordes grace of Cant. that the deane and chapter of this church should consult together for providing ornamentes for this church, and, casting upp what the charge of them would amount unto, should sett apart out of their dividentes the one halfe of such charge the first yeare, and the other halfe the next yeare; to which mocion the said Mr. deane for his parte declared his readines and consent, and soe did the said chapter; and they all resolved betweene this and the next chapter day to consider of the ornamentes and charge, and then to give order for the same, in performance of his grace's commaund."—*fo.* 176.

Unanimously agreed, "that such daies as Mr. deane shall spend in waiting on his majesty or in travelling towardes him or home from such service, shall be allowed as parte of the daies of his residence. And the like favour the said Mr. deane, Dr. Revett, Dr. Ward and Dr. Godwyn, graunte to Dr. Walker, in case that the said Dr. Walker, with such daies spent in waiting on his majestie, doe make upp his full daies of residence."

Information by Mr. Martin Simons, clerk, that Mary Clarke, wife of John Clarke, one of the vicars-choral, said that the ministers were "hooremasters and drunckards." On being asked by Simons to whom she referred, she said, "I will name them. I speake it of Corne and the two Clunns, and that she would never receave the communion at neither of their handes." Simons answered "that he did thinke she would doe pennance at the crosse for it, and he could not but reveale it." She wished ". . . that my lord bishopp of Bristoll when he did come to towne he should heare it of both eares." Henry Pope, vicar-choral, informed that Mrs. Clarke said "that there were such ministers made as would doe undoe [*sic*] the kingdome, and that some of them were made by the bishopp of Bristoll." Mr. Hunt confirmed the story and added that she said "that Mr. Corne, Mr. Frauncis Clunn, Mr. William Clunn and John Earle were they who were not fitt to be made ministers unlesse they could give account of their faith in latine." The bishop "protested that he hath made noe vicars chorall of this church ministers,* but by the commendacions of the deane and chapter; and that he desireth to be righted in this opprobrious scandall."—*fo.* 176*d.*

1667, Oct. 14.—This booke was shewen unto Alexander Harrison, gent., att the tyme of his examination by vertue of a commission, issued forth of his majestye's High Court of Chancery, for examination of witnesses in a cause there depending betweene Reynold Dight, complainant, and the

* *i.e.* he had ordained none.

deane and chapter of Welles and others, defendantes." Executed at Taunton.—*fo.* 2.

1667, Oct. 14.—The like memorandum as to the examination of Bartholomew Blackwell, in the same matter.*—*fo.* 177.

1635, Oct. 24.—William Bisse, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe I, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*p.* 1.

Dr. Ward intimated "that he was detayned from his residence at this church from the beginning of August untill the 14th of August, 1635, by letters written in his majestie's name about the examinacion of busines concerning the mastershipp of Katherine Hall, and partly uppon occasion of my lord of Canterbury his grace his letters sent touching the universities recordes, whether the university of Cambridge by them were exempted from his metropoliticall visitacion; and that he was detayned from like residence by letters sent from the ho^ble^ Earle of Holland, Chauncellor of Cambridge, from the twentieth of August, 1635, when he was coming towards Wells, untill allmost Michaelmas last, about the same business."—*p.* 2.

"Which day, parte of a letter written by Mr. Crichton to Mr. deane being read, it appeared by the same that the said Mr. Crichton was detayned from like residence by meanes of a letter sent by the Earle of Holland in his majestie's name, to command his abiding at Cambridge when he was coming hither in August last."

1635–6, Jan. 4.—Dr. Wood intimated "that there ought to be five of the chapter when any lease is graunted or sealed, and protesteth against any act to be done to the contrary. [Four only were present.] Mr. deane and Doctor Revett for their partes denying the same, and affirming that in any one of the fower generall chapter daies, the major parte of the chapter then meeting and present may graunte and seale, Mr. Dr. Godwyn affirming and protesting as is by Dr. Wood alleaged and protested."—*p.* 3.

1635–6, Jan. 5.—Objected against Mr. Martin Simon "that there was noe morning prayer on Sonday last, being the third of January, through his default." He is suspended from profits for a week, and ordered to perform divine service in the chapel of Blessed Mary throughout this week, up to and including Sunday.—*p.* 4.

1635–6, Feb. 20.—Archbishop Laud to the dean and chapter.

S. in Xpo. After my harty commendacions, etc. These are to lett you know that Dr. Warde, residentiary of your

* The end of the volume. The next volume, which has no distinguishing letter, covers the period from 1635 to 1645.

church, hath peticioned his majestie that he may receive all dividents, quotidians and other emoluments belonging to him, thoe he keepe but one halfe of the recidence to which the charter binds him. This peticion is referred to me (as you may see by the coppie of it which I send you here enclosed) and power given me to order it as I shall thinke fitt; yet my respect to you and to the church is such, that I shall not determine anything till I heare from you what opinion you have of the busynesse, which I pray send me with all the convenient speed you can. For my owne parte, I could wishe that both in that church and all other cathedralls, such men were chosen into residence as might keepe the time enjoyned them solemnly, which would be a greate honor to the severall churches and a great strength to the discipline of them. But sence I find many worthy men actualy in those places, which, by reason of the places they hold elsewhere abroad in the church, cannot possible, without as great prejudice to it as themselves, reside soe fully as they should, I am in my owne thoughts inclinable (at least, as I stand yet advised) to shewe some favour in this particular, unlesse you can shewe some sufficient reason to the contrary.

I am farther informed by Dr. Warde that the major part of the chapter allowed of his cause of absence, at Michaelmas last, and that therefore he desires that divident alsoe may be payd him, which I pray you to take into consideracion, and let me know your opinion of it; for if this cause of absence were soe allowed, I doe not yet see (the major parte ruleing all busynesses of chapter) how this divident can be denyed him. Soe wishing you all health and happines, I leave you to the grace of God, and rest,

Your very loving freind,

W. Cant.

Lambeth, Feb. 20, 1635.—[Ledger G, *p.* 256.]

1636, April 1.—A letter was read from William [Laud], archbishop of Canterbury, in favour of Dr. Ward being dispensed from residence; the chapter allow that the reasons given by Dr. Ward in his petition to the king are good and sufficient. A dispensation from half his residence is granted to him, with humble submission to whatever his grace shall order herein. He shall have his full "divident" for last year.—*p.* 6.

1636, April 26.—Archbishop Laud to the dean and chapter.

S. in Xpo. After my very harty commendacions, &c. I thanke you hartily for the two letters which I have received from you. And to one of them, concerning your choice of one Daniell Davis into a tenor's place in that church, I have given soe full satisfaction to Mr. deane and desired him to acquaint you with it, that I shall not need to write any other.

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letter concerning it. And soe farr am I from desiring the choice of a tenor into the roome of a basse or a counter-tenor, as that I shall never thinke it fitt, where the number is soe few, to have a tenor chosen at all, where a basse or a counter-tenor may be had. Soe I leave you free for that busynesse of Davis, and thank you for giveing me an accompt, how unfitt it might prove for your church service to choose a tenor at this present.

For the other busynesse, concerning Dr. Ward, I must write a litle more, because of his majestie's reference to me; but otherwise, you have dealt soe fairely with him, that were it not for that reference I should not need to have written any more to you, for, as for his divident for the last yeare, you have allowed it all unto him by common consent; for which, as I thanke you, soe have I noe more to say concerning yt. And for the second parte of his busynesse, since you conceive the reasons, upon which his peticion is grownded, to be just and reasonable, that some parte of his residense may be abated him, I thinke it will be most fitt and indifferent upon the evidence and justice of the same reasons (since his majestie hath benn pleased to referr the cause unto me) to require of Dr. Ward that he shall keepe the same proporcion of residense and noe more as of necessity then he did the last yeare, which is, as I conceive, halfe the residence required by statute; allwayes provided that this dispensation for halfe residence be noe longer allowed to his use and benifitt then he shall continue the lecture which he now reads in the university of Cambridg. These are therefore not onely to allowe and approve the chapter act, which you have made for the time past, but farther to pray and require you, according to the power given me by his majestie, that you doe confirme by another chapter act unto the sayd Dr. Warde, prebend residentiary of that your church of Wells, his whole divident, thoe in every yeare he doe keepe and observe but his halfe residence, with such limitation as is before expressed. Soe wishing you all health and happinesse, I leave you all to the grace of God, and rest, your very loving freind,

W. Cant.

Lambeth.

I shall expect that you transcribe theis letters into your chapter booke, that soe there may be a finall end of this difference.—[Ledger G, *p.* 256.]

1636, June 22.—Charles I to the dean and chapter.

Whereas our trustie and welbeloved Robert Crighton, one of the canon residentiaries of that church, is to be imployed in a service which wee have comaunded him to undertake, by reason whereof hee cannot keepe his residence there, as by the statutes of that church hee is injoyned: Wee do therefore hereby dispense with the said statute in this particular, and doe give him license to attend the said charge, requiring you

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to take order that hee be not any way prejudiced by his non-residence there during the time of this his imployment, but that hee may receave the profittes and benifittes of his place of canon residentiary as fully and absolutely as if hee were resident there, the said statute, or any other matter or thing whatsoever, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And theis our letters shall bee your sufficient warrant and discharge in this behalfe. At our honor of Hampton Court.—[Ledger G, *p.* 257.]

1636, July 1.—William Clunn, clerk, vicar-choral, is amoved for absence and contumacy. Francis Clunn's resignation is accepted.—*p.* 8.

1636, Aug. 5.—Mr. Robert Crichton, the treasurer, is dispensed from residence, pursuant to letters from the king. —*p.* 11.

1636–1637.

1636, Oct. 1.—The dean, Dr. Revett, Dr. Revett [*sic* ; Dr. Ward is probably meant] and Mr. Crichton, declared "that they hold fitt that there be a counseller for this church, at the yearly fee of 40*s*., Dr. Wood and Dr. Godwyn dissenting hereto and Dr. Walker desiring time to consider hereof."—*p.* 14.

Mrs. Elenor Bull's house in Sadler Street is granted to Mr. Sebastian Smith, the precentor.

1636, Oct. 4.—John Baber, esq., is appointed counsellor [*consiliarius*] of the cathedral church, with a yearly fee of 40*s*.—*p.* 15.

1637, April 1.—Furze and all other reeves of manors in arrear with their payments are to be sued ; also certain tenants for cutting trees.—*p.* 16.

1637, April 2.—"Mr. deane, together with Dr. Revett and Dr. Godwyn, unanimously consented to graunt unto Mr. Walter Brick of Wells, threescore foote in length and 22 foote in breadth, part of the old Almeshowse garden, to be measured as in the deede dated the 25th of March, [12 Charles], is expressed, to erect a new almeshowse thereon, for 4 poore people ; in consideracion of which plott, the said Mr. Brick hath settled 10*s*. yearly to the governour and 30*s*. yearly to the 24 of the old Ameshowse ; and soe decreed to seale the lease drawen for that purpose."

1637, July 1.—Dr. Ward appointed steward for two years. —*p.* 18.

1637, July 4.—Thomas Beamount elected a perpetual vicar-choral.—*p.* 19.

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Accounts of Robert Crichton, the Communar, 1636–37.

Payments: 10*l.* to Robert Ashe, the schoolmaster; 40*s.* to Mr. Oker, the keeper of the organs; 20*l.* to John Oker, master of the choristers.

Communar's Cash-book, 1636–37.

Payments: 1*l.* to John Oker for repair of books, signed John Okeover; 1*l.* to the almshouse "nomine Gascoyns"; 10*l.* to Mr. Ash, the schoolmaster; 2*l.* to Mr. Oker, the organist (in the summary called *custos organorum*); 10*s.* each per quarter to Richard Heale and John Oner for playing on the sackbut and the cornet; 6*s.* "to divers poore lamentable captives that came this way with large recommendacions"; 15*s.* for 10 books for the fast; 5*s.* to William Jones, a poor minister.

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1637, Oct. 1.—Mr. Brick's lease of part of the Almshouse garden was sealed.—*p.* 22.

1637–8, Jan. 2.—Ordered, "that the vicars chorall shall observe (in reading the letany) the manner as herein is expressed, and that when any one of either side shall be wanting, that then such other that are of that side are to performe that parte, to be procured by the party soe absent." —*p.* 23.

"*Decani:* Flud, Mowry, Hunt, Alderly, Bicknell, Benford, Mosse.

"*Cantores:* Walkeley, Attkins, Simon, Standish, Pope, Beamount, Oker."

1637–8, Jan. 3.—Ordered that Alexander Towse, Tristram Towse, Valentine Trimm and John Gray be appointed attorneys of the dean and chapter, by a letter of attorney under the chapter seal, to sue and distrain for rents, etc. —*p.* 24.

1638, April 1.—Thomas Coward, gen., came on behalf of Mrs. Katherine Revett, widow and executrix of the will of Timothy Revett, S.T.D., late deputy comminar, and paid 160*l.*, of the gift of Mr. John Budge.—*p.* 25.

The office of registrar of the dean of Wells granted to Mr. Alexander Jett for the lives of himself and Ezekiel his son. —*p.* 26.

1638, April 4.—William Peirs, M.A., installed in the prebend of Cudworth and Knowle, on the death of Dr. Timothy Revett, pursuant to mandate of the bishop; and installed as Archdeacon of Bath.—*p.* 27.

Sebastian Smith, S.T.B., the precentor, admitted a canon residentiary, on the death of Dr. Revett; he paid his caution

money of 100*l.*; he shall not begin residence or take any commodity before October 1, 1639.—*p.* 28.

1638, May 30.—Thomas Bayley, M.A., installed as sub-dean, on the promotion of William Roberts to the bishopric of Bangor, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*p.* 31.

1638, June 6.—Richard Flamsteed installed in the prebend of Eastharptry, on the death of Richard Hadley.—*p.* 32.

1638, July 1.—John Bignall appointed a perpetual vicar-choral.

Thomas Row, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Whitchurch, on the promotion of James Wedderburne, S.T.D., to the bishopric of Dunblane, pursuant to mandate of the bishop. —*p.* 33.

The late Dr. Revett's canonial house granted to Mr. Robert Crichton, the treasurer.

Dr. Paul Godwyn appointed steward for two years.

Dr. Roberts' canonical house granted to Thomas Rowe, S.T.B., prebendary of Whitchurch.—*p.* 34.

Mr. Crichton's canonical house granted to James Mabb, prebendary of Wanstrow.

1638, Sept. 6.—Thomas Wickham, B.A., appointed vicar of Cheddar.—*p.* 35.

Cash Book of Thomas Walker, the Communar, 1637–38.

Payments: 12*s.* for mending the clapper of the Harwell bell.—*p.* 62.

Cash Book of Timothy Revett (early part*) and Thomas Walker (later part), Keepers of the Fabric, 1637–38.

Receipts: 6*s.* 8*d.* for ringing the bells at the funeral of Mr. Tucker; 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for the burial of Mr. Bellamy's little son in the transverse part of the nave, and 3*s.* for Mary Clark in the churchyard.

Payments: Various payments for the arch, including 6 loads of stone; 3*s.* 4*d.* for mending the bridge, "which brake againe immediately after"; glazing—in the north side of the body of the church, 57*ft.* of new glass at 6*d.*, 3*ft.* 9*in.* of old glass releaded, 277 quarrells mended—in the south side of the body of the church, 29*ft.* of new glass, and 144 new quarrells mended—in the south window over the font, 9*ft.* 6*in.* of old glass new leaded, 3*ft.* of new glass, 12 new quarrells mended—in the quire, 4*ft.* 6*in.* of old glass new leaded, 5*ft.* of new glass, 6 quarrells mended—in the work round the quire and over the "Ladie's Chappell," 16 quarrells mended —in the stairs going to the chapter house, 4*ft.* of new glass— in the west end of the body of the church, 52 new quarrells

* Dr. Rivett died late in 1637 or early in 1638.

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mended, 4*ft.* of new glass; 12*s.* to the glazier for 12 days' work and 5*s.* to his son for 5 days' work; 1*l.* 1*s.* for ropes for the highest, the 5th and the 3rd bells, 51*lbs.* at 5*d.* a pound; 2*s.* 8*d.* for hanging the treble bell; 1*s.* 8*d.* for work about the library by the tiler; 6*d.* for mending the chimes; 13*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for stone, gravel, carriage and paving the way from the east corner of Dr. Ward's wall to the east gate of the churchyard; various payments for timber, boards, nails, lead and solder for the tower; 66*ft.* of new glass about the little bells tower; 1*l.* to the keeper of the organ.—[With Communar's Book, 1679–80.]

1637–8.—A list of payments for various furniture and household effects, apparently by some canon residentiary on taking possession of his house. "I bought books of Mrs. Revett to the valew of 6*l.* 2*s.*, and 2 songe books of Mr. Corne, which I left in my vicar's hands, 1*l.* 5*s.*" Sebastian Smith was elected a canon residentiary on the death of Dr. Timothy Rivet, archdeacon of Bath, April 4, 1638.—[With Communar's Book, 1679–80.]

1638–1639.

1638, Oct. 1.—Martin Simon, clerk, is charged with irregular and contumelious behaviour. He had received a license, under the seal of the official of the dean and chapter, to solemnize matrimony between one Sheppard of Banwell and — Bath of the liberties of this church. At the time of the ceremony in the cathedral, he refused to marry them unless they gave him 10*s.*, notwithstanding a message from Dr. Godwyn and a personal demand from him in the church, either to deliver up the license or to marry them. Eventually, after several refusals, he gave up the license to Dr. Godwyn, saying that he doubted if it were safe to do so.—*p.* 38.

Mr. Huish, sworn, said that about ten weeks ago he saw Dr. Godwyn "neere the horrolodge in the said church"; Simon refused to give up the license "and thereon the said Dr. Godwyn, as it seemed, intending to proceede against him in a judiciary way, sate downe at the old consistory place neere the horrolodge," again demanded the license. "Simon denyed to deliver the same, whereon some standing by him and advising him to deliver him to avoyde suspencion," he gave the license to Dr. Godwyn, "and went away in a grumbling manner." Mr. William Hunt and Mr. John Bradford were there.

(*Signed*) Ja. Huishe.

—*p.* 39.

Humfrey Marsh, the sacrist, adds that Simon "at last threw downe the said licence uppon the deske, and soe departed."

(*Signed*) Humfry Marsh.

—*p.* 40.

1638–1639.

1638, Nov. 12.—Roger Wood, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe XV, on the death of [John] Wiatt.—*p.* 43.

James Wood, LL.B., installed in the prebend of Wedmore V, on the death of [Thomas] Philpott.

1638, Dec. 11.—James Mabb resigns his canonical house, which is granted to Roger Wood, prebendary of Combe XV. —*p.* 44.

Sebastian Smith, the precentor, is presented to the vicarage of Northcurry.—*p.* 45.

1639, April 1.—Process against Mr. Noah Webb, for refusing to pay stall-wages to Mr. Pope, "who executeth the stall." He did not appear, and was pronounced contumacious.—*p.* 48.

The dean, Dr. Wood, Dr. Ward and Dr. Godwyn promised and declared that they would not renew any indenture of any canonical house within the liberties, during the [existing] term.—*p.* 49.

Dr. Godwyn, the communar, is to pay 80*l.* out of the income, as a gift to the king towards the expenses of the war.

1639, April 10.—John Norris, M.A., presented to the vicarage of Longsutton.—*p.* 50.

William Peirs, M.A., installed in the prebend of Whitchurch, on the death of [Thomas] Rowe, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*p.* 51.

1639, April 18.—The chapter agreed and promised, on account of the honour and reverence due to the bishop, to appoint William Peirs, archdeacon of Bath, a canon resident, on the next vacancy.—*p.* 53.

Dr. Crichton protested against the precedence of any new canon over one of greater seniority in that church, Mr. Smith, the precentor, protesting and asserting precedence in choir and chapter to belong to dignities granted in the charter of Queen Elizabeth, according to seniority.*

1639, May 2.—Henry Ancketill installed in the prebend of Wedmore III, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*p.* 52.

1639, July 1.—Richard Busby, M.A., installed in the prebend of Cudworth with the chapel of Knowle annexed, on the resignation of William Peirs, M.A., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*p.* 54.

1639–1640.

1639, Nov. 15.—Nicholas Sexten elected clerk of the courts of the dean and chapter, on the death of Alexander Towse. —*p.* 57.

* The passage is rather obscure; it seems to mean that the canons in choir and chapter were to take precedence in their seniority as such, irrespective of any dignity they might hold outside the chapter. Mr. Smith was the junior canon. *Ante*, p. 418.

1639–1640.

1639–40, Jan. 2.—Mr. Revett brought in five books given to the library of the church by the will of Dr. Revett.—*p.* 59.

1639–40, Jan. 3.—Ordered, "that a moveable or portable deske for the canons' wifes in the choyre shall be made to serve for the bishopp's wife and them at the time of celebrating the Holy Communion, and for none else."

1639–40, Feb. 7.—Daniel Davis appointed a perpetual vicar-choral.—*p.* 60.

1640, March 26.—Thomas Walker, S.T.D., prebendary of Litton, Sebastian Smith, S.T.B., precentor, canons resident, and Richard Busby, M.A., prebendary of Cudworth and Knowle, chosen proctors for convocation.—*p.* 61.

The dean and chapter protested that the bishop could not make orders or decrees [*ordinare vel statuere*] in the chapter house and ought not to do so, even if [*etiamsi*] it shall be in his visitation; and they made this protest because it appears that the bishop, against the powers of the chapter and the royal charters granted to them, in a cause between Dr. Crichton and Mr. Smith, lately pending, had used these words: "*Dictus dominus episcopus, visitacionem suam predictam celebrans, et judicialiter sedens, animo componendi et sedandi controversiam et contentionem predictas, ordinavit et statuit.*" And they protested the bishop has no power to warn Drs. Wood and Godwyn to certify *utrum aliquis defectus informatus aut prevertatus* [*sic*] *in aliquem diem ultra quatuor menses visitacionis pro inita reformetur.* And they also protested to be null and void the inhibition pronounced by the bishop against any canon resident forbidding him to preach in the cathedral, and especially the inhibition pronounced by Alexander Jett, the bishop's registrar, against Dr. Godwyn.—*p.* 62.

1640, March 27.—Because it is a thing very uncomely and unusuall in cathedrall churches to have galleries sett upp and continued, and especially men and women to sitt together in so eminent a place in the view of the choyre as the two galleries that are allready erected at the north and south sydes of the choyre of the said church are, and because the said galleries were not erected by consent of chapter or chapter act, and by reason of divers abuses to the eyes of many publiquely done, which they have in parte seen and otherwise credibely heard of, and forasmuch they from good eares have understood that the same seates are very scandalously taken by men of quallity of this dioces: they doe therefore unanimously consent and capitularly agree that the two doores at the feete of the severall stayres to the said galleryes, shalbe forthwith fast nayled upp, untill they shall see cause otherwise to do with them. And they deputed and appoynted Dr. Godwyn to see it done, as deputy master of the fabrick.—*p.* 63.

1639–1640.

Mr. Sebastian Smith, the comminar and master of the fabric, being necessarily absent, Dr. Godwyn was appointed to act as deputy.

1640, March 30.—Martin Simons and Arthur Alderley are charged as follows :—

That yesterday, after the celebration of the Holy Communion, they came into the vestry, bringing with them the consecrated wine which was left at the Communion. Mr. Simons took the chalice and poured the wine into a pewter pot, and being asked by Mr. Alderley what he meant to do with it, answered that it belonged to him and that he should carry it home. Mr. Alderley said that he should not, because the dean and chapter had ordered that no consecrated wine should be carried away to any man's house. Mr. Simons said that he would, and in a violent manner pulled off his gown and surplice, and desired Mr. Anthony Mowry and Humfry Marshe, then and there present, to depart out of the vestry, and said in a choleric manner that then he would deal with Mr. Alderly well enough. Whereupon Mr. Alderley went and held the door, and said that he should not carry away any wine. Mr. Simons, notwithstanding an offer by Marshe to go and ask the dean if he might have the wine or not, set hands upon the pot in a violent manner, and threw Mr. Alderley, who sought to stop him, to the ground, bruising his finger and drawing blood, "with which striveing much of the wyne was spilt on the ground."—*pp.* 64, 65.

It is decreed that both Simon [*sic*] and Alderley have come *in poenam statuti* ; Simon is suspended *a celebracione divinorum*, and his profit being suspended, the chapter ordered that this be published. Alderley is excommunicated.—*p.* 68.

1640, April 1.—Alderley is absolved on his humble petition. —*p.* 69.

1640, April 2.—Att which time Dr. Godwyn and Dr. Wood declared that they understanding that the . . . lord bishopp of Bathe and Wells hath taken some distast at sermons by them preached, they before the said Mr. deane submitt themselves to the censure of the deane and chapter of this church.—*p.* 71.

In consideration of 10*s.* paid by Mr. Richard Hicks, master of the fabric, he is allowed to make two windows in the wall next the great churchyard.

1640, July 16.—Richard Flamsteed, LL.B., installed in the prebend of Ilton, on the death of Anthony Methwyn, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*p.* 74.

1640, July 18.—Henry Antekill [*sic*], M.A., installed in the prebend of East Harptrie, on the resignation of Richard Flamsteed, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*p.* 75.

1640, Sept. 30.—Ordered that the cause brought by Sely and Edwards of Westhatch against Tristram Towse and Thomas Kerly be carried on at the expense of the dean and chapter.—*p.* 77.

Valentine Powell is to appear in the bishop's court in a cause of Simon *v.* Alderley and Marsh, to allege (on behalf of the dean and chapter) jurisdiction within the liberties of the cathedral church.

1640, Oct. 1.—Dr. Crichton appointed officer of the peculiar jurisdictions.

1640, Oct. 12.—Dr. [Sebastian] Smith appointed to the vicarage of North Curry, vacant by the voluntary resignation of the said Dr. Smith.—*p.* 78.

1640, Oct. 24.—"Whereas there have bene of late divers differences and suites betweene the . . . lord bishopp of Bath and Wells and the deane and chapter of this church, which differences (thankes be to god) to his glory and honour of this church are setled and appeased for the present (and, as they hope, for time to come), they, viz.: Dr. Wood, as well in the name and as the procurator of Mr. deane of this church, as in his own name, Dr. Godwyn, Dr. Crichton and Dr. Smith, have unanimously consented, and doe capitularly aggree to confirm a lease of the mannor of Chard and borrough thereof, . . . unto Mr. Arthur Mattock and his assignes, for 21 yeares"; they will in future be ready to confirm that and all other patents and leases made by the bishop, "as shall be according to the lawes of this kingdome and customes of this and other churches." "And allsoe they doe unanimously promise to endeavour to procure the residue of the said chapter to consent to the precedent act; and doe promise, yf any other canon resident of this church shall oppose this act or contentes thereof, never to assist him or them with counsell or purse in such opposicion." —*pp.* 79, 80.

Dr. Smith appointed proctor for the convocation to be held on November 4.

1640, Oct. 26.—Martin Simon is charged "that he being sent unto at the time of evening service by Dr. Crichton, within this fortnight last past, to reade the reading psalmes, deliberately came at time of service in a hasty manner from his owne stall unto Dr. Crichton, and there expostulated with him for soe sending to him, and withall there being noe other minister a vicar chorall there to execute, in a contemptuous manner went out of the choyre, and left none to end service but Dr. Crichton, so that he was driven to supply the said Simon his turne." Mr. Simon appeared, *ac petiit articulos in forma juris.*—*p.* 81.

1640–1641.

1640, Oct. 28.—William Lute, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wedmore III, on the resignation of Henry Anckotill, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1640, Oct. 30.—Mr. Simon, not appearing to his citation, is suspended.—*p.* 82.

1640, Dec. 4.—The above suspension is taken off, Simon having taken his corporal oath to obey the law ; he is warned to appear again on Jan. 2.—*p.* 83.

1641, April 5.—William Davis, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe IV,* on the death of Thomas Manne, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*p.* 84.

1641–1642.

1641, Oct. 1.—Arthur Mattock appointed general receiver of the bishop of Bath and Wells.—*p.* 86.

1641, Oct. 16.—Thomas Holte, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe II, on the resignation of Walter Raleigh, S.T.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*p.* 87.

1641, Nov. 8.—Lambert Osbolston, M.A., installed in the prebend of Ilton, on the death of Richard Flamstede, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*p.* 88.

1641, Dec. 17.—Samuel Lanfire, B.A., installed in the prebend of Dinder, on the resignation of Mr. [William] Oldis, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*p.* 89.

1641–2, Jan. 22.—Walter Raleigh, S.T.P., one of the chaplains in ordinary to the king, installed in the deanery of Wells, on the death of George Warburton, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*p.* 90.

Admission of Dr. Raleigh as a canon resident, on paying 100*l.* caution money.—*p.* 92.

1642, April 1.—A chapter was held in usual form. Present : the dean, Dr. Gerard Wood, archdeacon of Wells, Dr. Paul Godwyn, Dr. Robert Crichton, the treasurer, and Tristram Towse, notary public, deputy chapter clerk.—*p.* 94.

All the vicars appeared, except Mr. Simon, Alderley and Mr. Benford.

Lots were cast as usual for the chapter patronage.

Two months were allowed to the dean as part of his residence, for his attendance in the king's service.—*p.* 95.

* First written *Wedmore*, altered to *Cumba* in the same hand, altered again to *Wedmore* in another hand. Combe is right. *See* Le Neve, *Fasti.*

1641–1642.

An entry inserted in a different hand, stating that a loan of 20*l.*, part of Dr. Powell's money, had been repaid by — Saunders, July 1, 1642; signed, Gerard Wood.

1642, April 2.—Tristram Towse, at his own request, is discharged of Mr. Budge's legacy, "which with th'encrease made delivered to him was 160*l.* at that tyme." The receipt is signed, Ger. Wood.

1642, April 8.—Mr. Richard Allen junior [?], clerck, being instituted to the parsonage of Battcombe, which was lately belonging to one Mr. Richard Barnard, a greate precision, comeing for an induction, with a brother of his, being likewise a clergie man, and another stranger, a layman, being a Londoner, there being a very faire crucifix at the upper end of the south end of the cathedrall church of St. Andrew in Wells, behinde the quier, this Londoner most moliciously threw a stone at it and broke it, the said two Allens standing at the lower end of the ile, and beholding it, and watching that none came the whiles.—[MS. on fly-leaf of Ludolphus, *Vita Jesu Christi*, Cathedral Library.]

Accounts of Thomas Walker, S.T.D., Communar, 1641–42.

Payments: 10*l.* to Robert Ayshe, the schoolmaster.

Cash Book of Thomas Walker, Communar, 1641–42.

Near the end is an undated list of payments for the fabric stated to be transferred to the master of the fabric's book; there are considerable payments for paving and for the carriage of stone and gravel, timber and nails for the tower; 9*s.* 4*d.* for 28 loads of rubble carried away; 10*d.* "for casting abroad the rubble beelow the deane's"; 3*s.* 4*d.* for the ringers in of the judges.

1642–1643.

1642, Oct. 1.—Henry Hampson, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe III, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*p.* 99.

1642, Dec. 13.—The canonical house, vacant by the death of William Woodhowse, granted to James Wood, LL.B., prebendary of Wedmore V.—*p.* 100.

1642, Dec. 31.—Arthur Mattock installed in the prebend of Wanstrow, on the death of James Mabb, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*p.* 101.

1642–3, Jan. 7.—Thomas Balch, M.A., appointed vicar of Dulverton, on the nomination of the dean of Winchester [Dr. Young].—*p.* 102.

1642–1643.

1643, April 15.—The captaines [?] . . . divers pictures and crusifixes in the church and our Lady chaple, likewise did plunder the bishop's pallace, and broke all such monuments or pictures they espied, ether of religion, antiquity, or the kinges of England, and made havock, and sold for litle or nothinge all the howshold stuffe. One of the captaines had a note given him of divers of the towne, and of their estate, who were thowght to adhere to the kinge, which he tearmed a society.—[MS. on title-page of Ludolphus, *Vita Jesu Christi*, Cathedral Library.]

1643, May 10.—Mr. Alexander Popham's souldiers, he being a coll. in [?] or for the parliamente, after dynner rusht into the church, broke down the windowes, organs, fonte, seates in the quire, the busshops see [?], besides many other villanies.—[MS. on title-page of Ludolphus, *Vita Jesu Christi*, Cathedral Library.]

1643, June 3.—Humfrey Sydenham, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wedmore III, on the death of [William] Lute, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*p.* 103.

[At this chapter the dean and Dr. Crichton, canons resident, and Mr. Robert Ash, a prebendary, were present.]

1643, Sept. 9.—Sebastian Smith, S.T.D., installed in the prebend of Worminster, on the death of William Woodhowse, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*p.* 104.

Charles Gibbs, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe VIII, on the resignation of Sebastian Smith.—*p.* 105.

1643–1644.

1643, Sept. 30.—There were present in the chapter house the dean, Gerard Wood, archdeacon of Taunton, Paul Godwyn, Robert Crichton and Thomas Walker, canons resident.—*p.* 106.

Officers were appointed for the coming year as usual.

1643, Oct. 1.—The same members met in the chapter house and adjourned to the following day.—*p.* 107.

1643, Oct. 2.—Present, the same, and Dr. Sebastian Smith. William Peirs, M.A., archdeacon of Bath, appeared and alleged he had the dignity of a canonical house and prebend in this church, and therefore prayed to be admitted a canon resident; he offered 100 marks (as he asserted) in a purse, for his caution money. But the dean answered "*se non teneri per aliquam priorem promissionem ad elegendum dictum dominum archidiaconum, ideo nec proposuisse nec hoc capitulo dictam electionem proponere velle.*"—*p.* 108.

Robert Chapline, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe XI, on the death of Robert Lute, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*p.* 109.

1643–1644.

James Dewbery admitted a vicar-choral for a year of probation.

Dr. Walker appointed steward for two years ; the chapter adjourned to the following day.—*p.* 110.

1643, Oct. 3.—William Watts, S.T.D., produced letters from the king in favour of his admission as a canon resident. Dr. Crichton protested that when he had formerly given his consent to the pre-election of Mr. Peirs, he was ignorant of the laws and customs of this church. He thought that the votes [*suffragia*] of the chapter as to every election should be kept intact until the chapter assembled, and that "*pessimum esse exemplum posteritati, pessimum exemplum a pessimo ductum . . . protestatus est etiam coram deo se nunquam inposterum, aut pro ullo favore aut ullo timore, suffragium aut vocem suum se promissurum dum in capitulum intraverit.*" At the request of the archdeacon of Bath [Mr. Peirs], Tristram Towse was ordered to give him copies of the acts relating to the promise to elect him a canon resident.

An indenture was sealed of the tower called Brownes Gate. —*p.* 111.

1643, Oct. 27.—Christofer Prior, S.T.D., installed in the prebend of Barton David, on the death of [John] Dodd, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1643, Oct. 30.—Roger Wood, prebendary of Combe XV, surrendered his canonical house (late Robert Crichton's) and also produced a written surrender by James Wood, prebendary of Wedmore V, of his canonical house (late William Woodhowse's) ; the latter house was granted to the said Roger Wood and the former to the said James Wood.—*p.* 112.

1643, Dec. 29.—William Peirs, M.A., installed as archdeacon of Taunton, on the death of Dr. [Samuel] Ward, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*p.* 113.

1643, Dec. 30.—William Davis, M.A., installed as archdeacon of Bath, on the resignation of William Peirs, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1643–4, Jan. 4.—The dean raised the question whether by the royal letters in favour of Dr. Watts, dated September 18 last, they were bound to defer the election of a new canon. It was unanimously agreed that they were not so bound, especially as they had waited for Dr. Watts from Sept. 18 to Jan. 4, through two solemn chapter days and various adjournments ; within which days, if he had come and shown himself *habilis pro omnia*, the chapter would have been ready to obey the royal letters.—*p.* 114.

1643–1644.

Having inspected the charter of the church and considered the chapter acts relating to the pre-election of Mr. Peirs, late archdeacon of Bath, it was declared that, since all pre-elections of canons resident destroyed freedom of election and were contrary to the charter and the custom of the church, all acts touching the said pre-election were revoked and annulled. Dr. Godwyn dissented, holding himself bound by his previous promise; he would not make such promises in future.

Roger Wood, M.A., a prebendary of this church, admitted a canon resident, on the death of Dr. [Samuel] Ward, late archdeacon of Taunton. He shall not begin residence nor have any commodity as a resident before October 1, 1644. Dr. Godwyn dissented, and Dr. Smith considered that in view of the royal letters the election was void.—*p.* 115.

Lots were cast as usual for the chapter patronage.

1643–4, Jan. 5.—"Whereas the deane and chapter at their charge, on the intreaty of the vicars-chorall of this church, have built two seates for the wiefes of the said vicars to sitt in the choyre there, and since the ereccion of them some of the said woemen cannot agree about their places therein—they doe order that the said woemen shall sitt in the respective sides of the said choyre, by preisthoode and seniority as their husbandes places are in, without any disturbance."—*p.* 116.

1643–4, Jan. 15.—Ordered to enter in indentures where rent is in arrear [*intrare in indenturas ubi redditus a retro existunt*], and to sue for all arrears due to the dean and chapter or to the fabric.—*p.* 117.

[At the foot of the page there is a note that this book was shown to Bartholomew Backwell at his examination in a chancery suit between Reynold Dight, plt., and the dean and chapter of Wells and others, defts., at Taunton, October 14, 1667. There is a similar note on the fly-leaf, of the production of the volume to Alexander Harrison, gent., on the same occasion.]

1644–1645.

1644–5, Jan. 28.—**In domo decanali Wellensi, coram domino decano, doctore Wood, et magistro Rogero Wood, canonicis residentiariis dictæ ecclesiæ, actum fuit ut sequitur, in presencia mei, Tri: Towse, notarii publici, actuarii*, etc.—*p.* 95.

The dean acknowledged to have received from Dr. Wood 40*l.*, part of the 160*l.*, as above. Dr. Wood stated that he had paid 80*l.* to Dr. Walker, according to an order of the dean, Dr. Godwyn, Dr. Crichton and Dr. Smith, in further payment of the said 160*l.*; he produced the order under their hands.

The chapter seal was affixed to the appointment of Arthur

* In a different hand.

1644–1645.

Mattack as general receiver of all lordships, manors, lands, etc., of the bishop, to be held for life, with a fee of 10*l.*—*p.* 96.

It is this day ordered by consent of the persons heere present, that yf it shall heareafter happen that the corporacion of the deane and chapter to be dissolved by act of parliament or by any other lawful meanes, that then every canon that hath paid in his caution, or theyr executors, administrators or assignes, to whom the same shall belonge as executor or administrator of the said canon so hapning to dye, or otherwise legally avoyded, shall be paid his cawtion, as abovesaid, out of debtes dew to the said deane and chapter or theyer predecessors or to theyer successors, etc.

The chapter seal placed to a lease of Chedder rectory to Christofer Dodington, esq., for the lives of himself, Mary his wife, and of John and Francis, sons of Francis Dodington, knight.—*p.* 96.

1644–5, Jan. 28.—Present, the dean, Dr. Gerard Wood, Dr. Robert Crichton and Mr. Roger Wood.—*p.* 121.

Confirmed a lease for 21 years to Arthur Mattock and Alexander Jett, gentlemen, of the manor of Chard and certain lands in Banwell, for a fine of 53*s.* 4*d.*

[The remainder of the book is blank, except that about the middle are some notes which appear to be the beginnings of a subject-index to the 1571–99 volume of chapter acts.]

On the fly-leaf is an undated table of fees payable on the enthronization of a bishop, the installation of a dignitary of the church or prebendary, and the admission of a canon resident, to the dean, president of the chapter, sacrist, clerk of the chapter, choristers and library.

1659–1660.

1660, July 2.—Appointment by William [Piers], bishop of Bath and Wells, of Edmund Peirce, knt., LL.D., as vicar-general in spiritualities, etc.—[Ledger G, *p.* 331.]

1660–1661.

1660, Oct. 3.—Lease to Alexander Jett, notary public, for 40 years, of a house in a street in Wells called the New Works, "next adjoyning to the Guild Hall in Wells aforesaid on the south side, and the porch or gate leading into the churchyard of the cathedrall church aforesaid on the northside, and the Chorister Howse on the east side"; paying 40*s.* yearly to the "commoner," to the use of the choristers. Lessee to do suit of court twice a year at Canon Barne.—[Ledger G, *p.* 341.]

1660, Dec. 21.—Appointment by the bishop of Richard Hickes senior and Richard Hickes junior, as surveyors general of all lordships, manors, etc.—[Ledger G, *p.* 357.]

1660–1661.

Undated; about 1660.—The cannonicall house collated on Dr. Piers was destroyed in the late troubles, and converted to a public roome and house for reception of the country at the time of the assize and sessions kept in that towne, and the assize and sessions have been usually kept there. Dr. Piers hath since built and repaired the same, and converted it again into an habitable house. But of late, since the kinges restauracion, there is a greate market house built before the dore of this canonicall house, which hath drawne the market from other partes to the very dores of this house, to the greate annoyance of the said house.—[Deeds, 3rd series, no. 230.]

1660–1, Jan. 7.—Appointment by William, bishop of Bath and Wells, of Alexander Jett of Wells, notary public, as registrar of the bishopric, on the surrender of James Huish.—[Ledger G, *p.* 337.]

1660–1, Jan. 8.—Appointment by the bishop of Thomas Westley the younger, gent., as keeper of the palace of Wells and of the prison, commonly called the Cowhouse, and of the convicted and attainted persons being in the same; also bailiff of the stock in our house or manor of Wells and keeper of all woods and underwoods.—[Ledger G, *pp.* 353, 355.]

1660–1, Jan. 11.—Appointment by the dean and chapter of George Walrond of Ille Brewers, co. Somerset, gent., as clerk of the courts and auditor.—[Ledger G, *p.* 358.]

Communar's Cash Book [? Dr. Dugdale, Communar], 1660–61.

[After the return of the chapter in 1660, the new communar seems to have been puzzled by some of the items in his predecessors' accounts, and accordingly made the following notes.]

Mem. the sum of perditions must be entred into the *warranta* and the fees *pro Tabellario* must be there deducted.

Perditions to be payd *in fine anni*. What are they?

Super; what is it? and A.B.C. *Quid significat? Realiter persolvit; recessit quietus*—Termes used.

For acquittances, for every one iiij*d*. to be payd.

Be sure to receave mony befor you set it down in the booke; and booke it befor you give an acquittance.

[Perditions were days lost by the absence of each individual vicar; a list of such under the heading *deductis perditionibus* will be found in the communar's book for 1677–8.]

Payments: 80*l*. for the organs; 1*l*. 4*s*. 6*d*. to Mr. Oker for travelling about the organs; 2*l*. 10*s*. to Mr. Aysh, the schoolmaster, and 10*s*. to Mr. Oker, the organist, for one quarter.

1660–1661.

Accounts of Dr. Piers, Keeper of the Fabric, 1660–61.

Payments: 62*l.* 19*s.* for lead, Oct. 29, 1660; 29*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.* for tiling and other expenses, Oct. 22, 1660; 19*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.* for the like, Sept. 13, 1661; 3*l.* 7*s.* for church books for the choir, Oct. 8, 1661; 16*s.* to the ringers, Nov. 5; 1*l.* 10*s.* to Robert Taunton for mending the organ, Jan. 4, 1661; 1*l.* 2*s.* for fagots for a bonfire, July 10, 1661; 8*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.* for tiles, Jan. 23, 1661; 28*l.* 1*s.* for lime, Jan. 31, 1661; 100*l.* for lead, Sept. 24, 1661; 34*l.* 7*s.* for lead, Aug. 28, 1661; 7*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* for lead, July 10, 1661; 2*l.* to Henry White, the king's messenger; 4*l.* 15*s.* for 14 Common Prayer books for the vicars, Aug. 24, 1661; 10*s.* to the ringers when Mr. dean came home, Dec. 20, 1661; 1*l.* to the ringers on Coronation Day, April 23, 1661; 3*s.* 6*d.* to Mr. Oaker for sending a messenger to Bristol to the organist, Jan. 11, 1661; 7*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* for lead, May 4, 1661; 9*s.* 6*d.* to Matthew Thomas, the glasier, July 27, 1660; 2*l.* to James Thomas, the glasier, Dec. 23, 1661; 9*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to Christopher Pheris, glasier, Feb. 5, 1661; 161*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.* for timber and workmanship, no details, Jan. 9 to Dec. 24, 1661; 109*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.* to smiths and glasiers, Jan. 11 to Dec. 21, 1661; 4*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.* to Martin Snow about the chimes, Feb. 15, 1661; 1*l.* to the ringers, April 23, 1661; 27*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.* to labourers, Feb. 21 to Dec. 24, 1661; 55*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* to tilers and plasterers, Jan. 3 to Dec. 24, 1661; 22*l.* 15*s.* 1*d.* to tilers, Jan. 25 to Dec. 21, 1661; 29*l.* 19*s.* to the freemason, Jan. 11 to Dec. 24, 1661, William Beaton appears to have been the supervisor; 1*l.* to the ringers, May 29, 1661; total, 1,309*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.*

Cash Book of Dr. Piers, Keeper of the Fabric, 1660–61.

Receipts: 50*l.* for cautions on the election of residentiaries*; 214*l.* 6*s.* from tenants when they accepted; 800*l.* from the dean and chapter.

Payments: 1,084*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* for work and repairs (no details); 1*l.* to the ringers on the king's coronation; 1*l.* 2*s.* for two bonfires; 4*l.* 15*s.* for 14 books of public prayers; 8*s.* 9*d.* for the whirlygig; 80*l.* for our little organ.—With Communar's Book, 1679–80.

1661–1662.

1661, Oct. 3.—Appointment by the bishop of Timothy Revett of Wells, gent., as auditor general.—[Ledger G, *p.* 377.]

1661–2, Feb. 27.—Appointment by the bishop of John, Lord Poulett, Baron of Hinton St. George, and John Poulett, esq., his son, as chief stewards of all his hundreds, manors, etc. —[Ledger G, *p.* 472.]

* 10*l.* each from five canons.

1661–1662.

Cash Book of Dr. Peirs, Master of the Fabric, 1661–62.

Payments: 303*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.* for work and repairs; 422*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* for necessary expenses (no details), whereof 400*l.* towards the new organ.—[With the Communar's Book, 1679–80.]

Undated; about 1662.—The humble petition of John Oker, organist, most humblie sheweth

That since our late happie restauracion to our places, there is due to your peticioner from the probendarie of Wanstraw, for two yeares sallerie, 53*s.* 4*d.*, of which your peticioner cannot receive any thinge; your peticioner haveinge had a long and tedious sickness, whereby it hath put hm to great charge and expence.—[Deeds, 3rd Series, no. 221.]

1662–1663.

Cash Book of Dr. Peirs, Master of the Fabric, 1662–63.

Receipts: 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for the burial of Mr. William Walrond, esq., and 6*s.* 8*d.* to the ringers; the like, Mr. Thomas Coward, captain; the like, — Hodges.

Payments: 8*l.* 8*s.* for 24 Communion Books; 106*l.* to Mr. Taunton, the organ maker.

Cash Book of Arthur Alderly, Escheator, 1662–63.

The balance, 17*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*, is divided into 22 parts, 8 to the canons, 12 to the vicars, one to the choristers and one to the clerks.

1663–1664.

1664, April 1.—*Present: William Peirs, S.T.D., archdeacon of Taunton, president of the chapter, Thomas Holt, S.T.B., chancellor, John Sellack, S.T.P., archdeacon of Bath, Grindall Sheafe, S.T.P., archdeacon of Wells, canons resident; Alexander Jett, notary public, chapter clerk. A proctorial letter from Robert Creyghton, S.T.P., the dean, was produced.—*fo.* 1.

The following vicars-choral appeared:—Arthur Alderley, John Mosse, Augustine Benford, Francis Standish, Daniel Davis, Thomas Standish, Robert Alderley, Thomas Clarke, John Hobbs and John Browne. John Edmondes and Sebastian Dewbery were excused. Thomas Beaumont was sick.—*fo.* 1*d.*

1664, July 4.—Whereas we, the dean and chapter of this church, have repaired the whole structure of the same, which was miserably damaged in the late troubles [*in nuperis motibus misere labefactatam*], almost from the foundations, at great expense, beyond our means [*supra vires*], and hardly to be believed; it seems good to us, with the consent of the most reverend father in Christ the lord bishop, at once to request

* The volume of Chapter Acts, covering the period from 1664 to 1666, begins here.

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and enjoin the other prebendaries that, whereas in all repair of buildings they contribute indeed not one fourth part to relieve our burdens, now at least in the completion of this work [*in operis coronide*] each one will wish to give a proof of himself, and with his own moneys will adorn his own individual seat or stall (as it is commonly called) in the choir, so that all things within [the church] may shine brightly and correspond [*rutilent et respondeant*]; and thus, when they come, they will be fittingly [*decore*] seated, and they will commend to posterity the love [*affectum*] which they owe to the mother, —Robert Creyghtone, dean, William Peirs, Thomas Holt, J. Selleck, Grindall Sheafe. [Repeated on *fo.* 11. with actual signatures.]—*fo.* 10.

1664, July 7.—Thomas Standish, clerk, one of the vicars-choral, excommunicated for not appearing on the first day of this chapter, with the other vicars-choral, according to the custom of the cathedral, now appeared.—*fo.* 13.

Accounts of Thomas Holt, the Communar, 1663–64.

Payments: 10*l.* to Charles Thurlby, the schoolmaster; 10*l.* to John Browne, keeper of the organs.

Communar's Cash Book, 1663–64.

Payments: 10*l.* to Mr. Charles Thirleby, the schoolmaster; 10*l.* to Mr. John Browne, the organist; 2*l.* to the almshouse *nomine Gascoigne*; 1*s.* 6*d.* to three poor seamen; 1*s.* 6*d.* to three Irish gentlemen.

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1664, Oct. 7.—Statute for detaining the dividends of the canons until the debts of the church are discharged.—*fo.* 21.

Whereas among all the cares and concerns which are incumbent on us, those things should always be first and principal which touch equally the usefulness and honour of our church, which since we have adorned it, at immense and lavish cost [*cum impensis vastis et prodigiosis*], so that it now yields to no cathedral throughout the whole of this island in splendour and magnificence, wherewith almost all the yearly dividends and rents of our canons are fallen away to nothing [*in nihilum ruerint*]. And whereas the venerable man, the archdeacon of Taunton [William Peirs], our comminar for some years past, through too much charity and heedless friendship for the dean and canons, his *confratres*, has lent moneys against their dividends at the end of the year, whereby not only are our funds exhausted and the rents of the year consumed, but also some confusion is caused in the accounts of years somewhat in arrear [*aliquot retro*]. Wherefore, in order to provide for these inconveniences hereafter in due course, we, in full chapter, and with the assent

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and fatherly counsel of the most reverend father in Christ, the lord bishop, our diocesan, have ordained and enacted these two things :—

First, that no canon shall ask for or seek to have any part of the dividends but at the end of the year, when the debts of all the canons are paid to the church and the church itself fully discharged from any money.—*fo.* 21*d.*

Secondly, we order that the pernicious custom of our church of lending moneys by the comminar before the end of the year shall die out [*exolescere*] ; and we severely and strictly enjoin every comminar in future, by this common vote of all, that he do not pay, lend or advance (on pretext of the said custom) to any canon any moneys against the dividends at the end of the year, lest fresh troubles accrue to the church and a worse confusion grow anew in our reckonings [*nostris rationibus*]. —Rob : Creyghtone, Sebastian Smythe, Will : Peirs, Tho : Holt, J. Selleck, Gr : Sheafe.

1664, Dec. 30.—William Kidley, B.A., installed in the prebend of Combe IV, on the resignation of Robert Baskett, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 24.

1664–5, Jan. 2.—Humfrey Marsh resigns the office of sacrist, to which he had been appointed Nov. 1, 1624. James Williams appointed in his place, on the nomination of Richard Busby, S.T.D., the treasurer.—*fo.* 27.

1664–5, Jan. 10.—The chapter adjourned from the chapter house to the deanery, where the sitting continued *in magna parlura.*—*fo.* 33*d.*

1664–5, Jan. 12.—Ordered " that wheras since this blessed restauracion all the stewardes of the said deane and chapter have been and are like to be at very great trouble and vast expences, as well in other particulars as in keeping their entertainmentes at their auditt feastes yearly, so that if there be not a competent provision made for them, as well for the tyme since the said restauracion as also for tymes to come, are likely to be at great losse in the execution of their said office : Wee, the said deane and chapter now assembled, . . . being all desireous and well pleased that the steward for the tyme being, the principall officer of our said chapter, may not be putt to such great troubles and expences and not receive yearly competent allowance for the same, . . . with one consent doe herin enact, order and decree that all the herriottes, which from the said restauracion have been paid unto the precedent stewards of the said church unto this present, and which for the future from tyme to tyme shalbe received by the stewardes of the said cathedrall church for the tyme being, have and shalbe by them received and kept to their owne proper use, benefitt and behoofe, towardes their said great

troubles and vast expences: Provided alwayes that the said stewardes doe execute their said office personally and not by proxie: And that the said stewardes shall not be accomptable for the same, either for the tyme past or the tyme to come." —*fo.* 37*d.*

1664–5, March 4.—Samuel Lanfire junior, M.A., installed in the prebend of Dinder, on the resignation of Samuel Lanfire senior, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 39.

1665, April 1.—Alexander Harrison, notary public, elected chapter clerk *pro tempore.*—*fo.* 42.

1665, April 7.—Thomas Earle, clerk, M.A., appointed master of the grammar school of the cathedral church of Wells (in place of Charles Thirlby, clerk, M.A., resigned), on the nomination of Dr. Holt, the chancellor; he having first subscribed the declaration enjoined on schoolmasters by the act of uniformity of common prayers, and having taken the oath of supremacy and renunciation of all foreign powers, and sworn reverence and obedience to the dean and chapter, and to conceal the secrets of the chapter, should any come to his notice.—*fo.* 44*d.*

1665, April 12.—Alexander Harrison, notary public, appointed registrar or scribe of the acts within the peculiar jurisdictions of the dean and chapter.—*fo.* 47.

1665, April 13.—Nicholas Dowthwaite, gent., appointed clerk of the courts of the dean and chapter and auditor of the accounts, on the resignation of George Walrond.—*fos.* 48, 48*d.*

1665, April 14.—Ordered that all writings of their records, in whosesoever hands they may be, are to be brought into the custody of the dean and chapter.—*fo.* 49*d.*

1665, July 1.—The dean protested against the recent election of Nicholas Dowthwayte as under-steward of the chapter, or clerk of the lords' court, as it is commonly called, the nomination to which office belongs to the dean, who is himself perpetual chief-steward. The matter had been done in the dean's absence, to despoil him of his ancient rights. He felt compelled to appeal to the bishop, and in the meantime inhibited Dowthwayte for taking any part in the said office. —*fo.* 52*d.*

1665, July 22.—John Vannam, M.A., installed in the prebend of Whitchurch, on the death of Henry Hampson, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 56*d.*

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1665, Aug. 18.—Anthony Moss admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 62.

1665, Sept. 11.—Roger Ley, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe VIII, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 62*d.*

1665, Sept. 29.—Francis Mundy, S.T.D., installed as sub-dean, on the death of James Masters,* S.T.B., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 63*d.*

Accounts of Thomas Holt, the Communar, 1664–65.

Payments: 10*l.* to Thomas Earle, the schoolmaster; 10*l.* to John Browne, keeper of the organs; 2*l.* for sermons on the solemn fast days for the stay of the plague; 1*l.* to Dr. Thomas Holt for a sermon on the day of thanksgiving for the naval victory *super Belgas.*

Communar's Cash Book, 1664–65.

Payments: 2*l.* 10*s.* to Mr. Thirlby, the schoolmaster (1st quarter); 7*l.* 10*s.* to Mr. Thomas Earle, the schoolmaster (three quarters); 1*l.* 15*s.* to John Paris, one of the choristers, at his going to the university; 13*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* "layd out at the assizes at Taunton, Mar. 15, 1664[–5], upon the tryall for the chayne, to councill, etc., *ut patet per billam*"; 2*s.* "to a distressed gentleman, his wife and famely"; 1*l.* "payd Dr. Billingsby for serving my cure at Lamyat when I preched on the thanksgiving day, July 4, 1665"; 3*l.* 15*s.* to Mrs. Oaker for her son John Oaker, one of the choristers, for three quarters from Christmas to Michaelmas, 1665, *signed,* Mary Oker.

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1665, Oct. 3.—William Westley, gent., appointed chapter clerk, on the nomination of Dr. Holt, the chancellor.—*fo.* 66*d.*

1665, Oct. 5.—Sealed and confirmed a lease to Sir James Thynne, knight, for lives, of the prebend of Warmister *alias* Luxfield, made by Mr. Richard Merry, M.A., prebendary there.—*fo.* 68.

1665, Nov. 24.—James Farewell, S.T.D., installed in the prebend of Combe XII, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 71.

1665, Dec. 11.—Thomas Holt, S.T.D., a canon resident, installed in the prebend of Litton, on the death of Thomas Walker, S.T.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 72.

* *Sic*; Le Neve has *Masfeld.*

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1665–6, Jan. 4.—The dean protested against the disobedience and shuffling of the canons resident as to preparing a reply to the king's letters in favour of electing Dr. William Fane as a canon resident in place of Thomas Walker, deceased. This the dean was prepared to move at the general chapter on Jan. 2 ; but the canons wasted two whole hours in fruitless disputations about the practice of the church and the meaning of certain words, required further time for consideration, and proceeded with other business. He protested against any business, public or private, being transacted in chapter until the king's letters have been dealt with.—*fo.* 74.

The other canons in turn protested that the last clause was invalid and that they had power to act when there was a full chapter, and humbly and with all obedience they left the termination of the said election to the king. Then, *decano absente*, they adjourned to the following day.—*fo.* 74*d.*

1665–6, Jan. 5.—The said canons ordered to be sealed a lease for lives of Dulverton Rectory to George Peppin.

1665–6, Jan. 6.—The said canons met and adjourned to Jan. 8, when they unanimously decreed to do the king's request [*peticionem*].—*fo.* 82.

They approved of Dr. Mundy as a worthy person to be elected a canon resident.

They ordered Dr. John Selleck, the steward, and Dr. Grindall Sheafe, the comminar, to sue all persons who were debtors to the chapter.

They unanimously revoked and rescinded the act intituled *Statutum de cohibendis canonicorum dividentiis dum ecclesiæ debita exonerentur*, made October 7, 1664.—*fo.* 82*d.*

1665–6, Jan. 10.—*Decano absente.* Sealed letters patent of the office of registrar of the bishop of Bath and Wells ; and decreed an instrument to Doctors Selleck and Sheafe for suing all debtors to the chapter.—*fo.* 75.

1665–6, Jan. 26.—William Fane, S.T.D., prebendary of the prebend of Taunton, having a canonical house, is admitted as a canon resident, on paying 100 marks caution money. The 100 marks [66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*] is to be divided as follows : to the vicars-choral 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, to the fabric of the church 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and the balance equally between the dean and the six canons. Dr. Fane to begin his residence on January 1 next, and not to have any emolument or dividend as a canon before then. If he shall die before October 1 next* the caution money shall be repaid to his executors, administrators or assigns. He took the oath of supremacy and swore to observe

* Altered from January 1, *mandato capituli.*

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the statutes, ordinances and laudable customs of the cathedral church.—*fo.* 75*d.*

1665–6, Feb. 5.—Mr. Francis Symons resigned his right to the office of steward of the old Alms House in Wells, to which he had been elected by the dean and chapter, and prayed that Mr. Samuel Heath might be chosen in his place. Heath was elected, on condition that he admitted the right of election to be in the dean and chapter unless something should be found to the contrary in the statutes and ordinances of bishop Bubwith the founder.—*fo.* 77.

1665–6, March 13.—Sealed and confirmed letters patent of the office of registrar or scribe in the whole diocese and episcopal jurisdiction of Bath and Wells, granted by the bishop to John Prickman, gent., and Ezekiel Jett, notary public.—*fo.* 77*d.*

1666, April 7.—Ordered that Mr. Nicholas Dowthwayte go to Mr. Towse and give him notice to enter in the big book of records, at his own expense, certain indentures and letters patent, granted, sealed or confirmed in the time of Mr. Alexander Jett, his grandfather [*maspiter*] ; and also to bring in to his own place records concerning the dean and chapter.—*fo.* 80.

The master of the fabric is to proceed with the repair of the cloister, now in decay.—*fo.* 80*d.*

1666, April 9.—Prebendaries and all others owing moneys to the fabric or the church are to be written to for payment, and in default are to be cited.

1666, April 18.—Robert Latimer, B.A., installed in the prebend of Combe II, on the resignation of Thomas Holt, S.T.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 81.

1666, July 2.—Dr. Sheafe, the communar, is to end all accounts with the choristers [*rationes omnes cum choristis finire*] down to June 24 last ; from which day, and within a month, they are to live with the master of the choristers and to sleep in his house, etc., under penalty of suspension.—*fo.* 84.

Adjourned to July 5, on account of the intervening fast-day. —*fo.* 84*d.*

1666, July 6.—Sealed letters patent of the office of surveyor general of all the lordships, manors, etc., belonging to the bishopric of Bath and Wells, in Somerset or elsewhere in England, to Richard Hickes of Wells, gent., for life, as appointed by the bishop.—*fo.* 85.

1666, July 7.—Anthony Mosse, vicar-choral, removed for neglect of his duties.—*fo.* 86.

1665–1666.

Alexander Harrison, the deputy chapter clerk, was ordered to demand of Mr. Charles Thirlby, vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Wells, the yearly pension of 34*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.*, due from the said vicarage for divers years, and to certify the chapter, that proceedings may be taken against him if he has not paid by October 1.

1666, July 10.—Emanuel Sharpe, clerk, installed in the prebend of Aishill, on the death of Robert Roche, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 86*d.*

1666, Aug. 16.—Sealed and confirmed an indenture of divers things, as appears in the book of records, granted by Dr. Peirs, archdeacon of Taunton, to Edward Clarke of Chipley, Somerset, esq.*—*fo.* 87.

Accounts of Grindall Sheafe, the Communar, 1665–66.

Payments: 10*l.* to Thomas Earle, the schoolmaster; 10*l.* to John Browne, keeper of the organs; 60*l.* to Robert Taunton *ad organum.*

Accounts of William Peirs, Master of the Fabric, 1665–66.

Receipts: Burials, Mrs. Niblett, 13*s.* 4*d.*, and 3*s.* 4*d.* for the bell; Edith Niblet, the like; Jane Weekes, 1*l.*; Tristram Davidge, 13*s.* 4*d.*

Payments: 1*l.* 3*s.* for removing the seats in the choir; 3*l.* 10*s.* to the tiler for work by the chapter house.

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Accounts of Grindall Sheafe, the Communar, 1666–67.

Payments: 10*l.* to Charles Thirlby, the schoolmaster; 10*l.* to John Browne, keeper of the organs; 9*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* *pro libro publicarum precium authorizato per actum parliamenti, cum magno sigillo Anglie annexato, ut perpetue in archivis recordatur*; 1*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* for repairing the chimney in the audit house.

Accounts of Dr. William Peirs, Master of the Fabric, 1666–67.

Receipts: Burials, Mrs. Niblett, 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; Mr. Marsh, 13*s.* 4*d.*

1667–1668.

1667, Oct. 26.—Lease to Thomas Stephens of Wells, innholder, for 40 years, of a tenement in New Street, heretofore called the Three Horsloaves, but now the Globe; rent 30*s.*;

* End of the volume. The next book of Chapter Acts begins on April 1, 1683.

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lessee to do suit of court twice a year at Cannon Barne.—[Ledger G, *p.* 590.]

Accounts of John Sellecke, the Communar, 1667–68.

Payments: 10*l.* to John Browne, keeper of the organs.

Communar's Cash Book, 1667–68.

Payments: 5*l.* to Mr. Thirlby, the schoolmaster, for 2 terms, paid to the chapter; 5*l.* to Mr. John Potenger, the schoolmaster, 2 terms; 10*l.* to Mr. John Browne, the organist; 5*s.* "to a poore man that came out of Scotland, whose father was lost, and with him 2,000*li.*, by a shipwreck"; 4*s.* for 4 chimneys in the "awditt house" for half a year; 2*s.* to 6 French seamen; 2*s.* "to a poore cavalier that had byn sold a slave"; 1*s.* to a poor man that had been a slave at Constantinople; 5*s.* to the ringers on April 23; 10*s.* to the ringers, May 29; 4*s.* for fagots for bonfires, Sept. 26.

1668–1669.

1668, Oct. 5.—Lease to William Andrews of Wells, mercer, for 40 years, of the first house from the east end of the New-works, "with a porch or gate, commonly called Pennylesse Porch or Bench, and also two chambers over the same adjoyning to the said tenement, being parte and parcel thereof," and a garden in New-works gardens; rent 33*s.* 4*d.*; lessee to do suit of court twice a year at Canon Barne and to contribute to the cost of repairing the great goutes and pipes of lead.—[Ledger G, *p.* 615.]

Accounts of John Selleck, the Communar, 1668–69.

Payments: 10*l.* to John Potenger, the schoolmaster; 10*l.* to John Browne, keeper of the organs.

Communar's Cash Book, 1668–69.

Payments: 10*s.* to Mr. John Yorke for writing a calendar for the preaching turns; 1*s.* to a poor man that had been captive at Salley; 1*l.* 18*s.* for scouring the Ludburne by Mr. Rivett's wall; other payments for the same; 10*s.* to the ringers at the coming of the judges, Aug. 7; 13*s.* 4*d.* to the ringers, Nov. 5.

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Accounts of John Selleck, the Communar, 1669–70.

Payments: 10*l.* to John Potenger, the schoolmaster; 10*l.* to Mr. Browne, keeper of the organs.

Communar's Cash Book, 1669–70.

Payments: 3*s.* to a poor old man that had been taken captive by the Turks; 10*s.* to two Hungarian gentlemen

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that had been captives in Buda ; 100*l.* "payd Coll. Francis Wyndham, by the order of the deane and chapter, to gratify him, as appeares by his receipt" ; 100*l.* "allowed by the deane and chapter out of my lord Poulett's fine, for the repaires of the fabricke" ; 5*s.* "given the ringers when I brought the kinge's congeedeleere," May 19 ; 12*s.* to the ringers at the election of the bishop, May 25 ; 1*l.* "given the ringers by Dr. Sheafe, when the newes was brought that the deane was to be bishop" ; 2*l.* to Lieut.-Col. Roberts in distress ; 2*s.* to two poor cripples wounded in the Dutch wars ; 1*s.* to four poor French seamen ; 1*l.* to the poor vicar of Ashill.

1670–1671.

1671, April 7.—Lease to Edward Bisse of Wells, gent., for three lives, of the rectory and parsonage of the parish and parish church of St. Cuthbert and the barn called Cannon Barne and two courts and yards adjoining, and all tithes of corn, grain, hay, mills, etc., and all other profits of the rectory and parsonage ; except and reserved all courts, etc., fines, reliefs, etc., and the prison and the house used for the same, and the pound adjoining the barn, and the use of the barn for keeping courts, as heretofore used, and the advowson of the vicarage ; rent 40*l.* ; lessee to repair the chancel of St. Cuthbert's Church.—[Ledger G, *p.* 628.]

Accounts of William Peirs, S.T.P., the Communar, 1670–71.

Payments : 10*l.* to John Pottinger, the schoolmaster ; 10*l.* to John Browne, keeper of the organs.

Communar's Cash Book, 1670–71.

Payments : 2*s.* 6*d.* to the ringers for trial of the new bells, Feb. 2, 1670–1 ; 1*s.* to the bellfounder ; 7*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* to John Mosse for repairs to the Choristers' House ; 2*s.* to two poor seamen lately prisoners in "Argiers" ; 5*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.*, Mr. Mosse's bill for the schoolhouse ; 10*s.* to the ringers when the judges came to Wells, Sept. 9 ; 2*l.* 15*s.* for books of public prayers.

1671–1672.

1671–2, Jan. 13.—Lease to Francis, Lord Hawley, of Buckland Sororum, co. Somerset, for 21 years, of the fishing, fowling and hunting within the hundred of North-Curry, etc. ; rent 16*s.*

Lease to him, for three lives, of Ham-mills and a newly erected mill ; rent 4*l.* 5*s.*—[Ledger G, *pp.* 679, 681.]

Accounts of the Master of the Fabric, 1671–72.

Receipts : Burials of Mary Davidge, — Clarke, vicar-choral, and — Marsh, widow, 13*s.* 4*d.* each and 3*s.* 4*d.* for the bell.

Payments : 213*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.* for work and repairs.

1673–1674.

Accounts of Grindall Sheafe, the Communar, 1673–74.

Payments: 10*l.* to Charles Thirlby, the schoolmaster; 8*l.* 13*s.* to Mr. Browne and Mr. Jackson, keepers of the organs.

1674–1675.

1674–5, Jan. 19.—Lease to Sir William Portman of Orchard, knight and bart., for three lives, of the capital messuage or mansion house of Northcurry, etc.; rent 48*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.*—[Ledger G, *p.* 632.]

Accounts of Grindall Sheafe, S.T.P., the Communar, 1674–75.

Payments: 10*l.* to Charles Thirlby, the schoolmaster; 38*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* to Mr. Jackson, the organist.

Communar's Cash Book, 1674–75.

Payments: 10*l.* to Charles Thirlby, the schoolmaster; 45*l.* 6*s.* to John Jackson, the organist; 1*l.* *duobus perigrinis, patri scilicet et filio, Christianis e Chaldœa, si fide digni sunt;* 5*s.* to Barry, M.D., *qui naufragium fecit;* 3*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* for six books of common prayer.

1675–1676.

Accounts of Robert Creighton, the Communar, 1675–76.

Payments: 10*l.* to Charles Thirlby, the schoolmaster; 31*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* to Mr. John Jackson, the organist; 2*l.* to Mr. Jackson for music books.

Communar's Cash Book, 1675–1676.

Payments: 11*l.* 14*s.* to Mary Browne, widow of John Browne, the late organist, as a gift, and 2*l.* 10*s.* for the rent of her house; 10*l.* to the town of Northampton, which was burnt; 2*l.* to Mr. Jackson, the organist, for music books.

Accounts of Robert Creighton, Keeper of the Fabric, 1675–1676.

Receipts: Burial of — Carlile, 1*l.* 10*s.*

Payments: 1*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* to John Boord for mending the clock; 2*s.* for repairing the channel [*canalis*] *vulgo le Leadbourn.*

1676–1677.

Accounts of Robert Creighton, Keeper of the Fabric, 1676–77.

Receipts: 1*l.* 10*s.* each for the burials of a son of Mr. Baily, the chancellor, and a son of Mr. Daues [?], and 16*s.* 8*d.* each for a son of Mr. John Day and a son of Mr. Nicholas Niblett.

1676–1677.

Payments : 12*s.* to the ringers on the wedding of the Prince of Orange, Nov. 3, 1677.

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Communar's Cash Book ; Robert Creighton, the Communar, 1677–78.

Payments : 1*l.* for the redemption of captives in Crete under Turkish rule ; 1*l.* for the repair of the suburbs of London called Southwork, destroyed by fire ; 5*l.* to Mr. Hall, late organist, for two months not allowed in the accounts for 1674.

Accounts of Robert Creyghton, Keeper of the Fabric, 1677–78.

Receipts : 16*s.* 8*d.* each for the burials of Mrs. Davidge, Mr. Thomas Morgan and Mr. John Day's son.

Payments : 6*d.* for the carriage of a catalogue of books, lately edited [*nuper editi*], directed to the dean and chapter.

1678–1679.

Accounts of Dr. Thomas Holt, the Communar, 1678–79.

Payments : 10*l.* to Charles Thirlby, clerk, the schoolmaster ; 10*l.* to John Jackson, organist, for his stipend, and 23*l.* in augmentation ; 20*l.* to John Jackson, master of the choristers.

Communar's Cash Book, 1678–79.

Payments : 10*l.* to Mr. Charles Thirlby, the schoolmaster ; 41*l.* to Mr. John Jackson, the organist ; 10*s.* "to a Gretian" ; 2*l.* paid by the dean towards the redemption of Captain Witheridge ; 2*s.* "to a man robd at Stonnage" ; 1*l.* to a poor man of Shapwick whose house was burnt ; 1*s.* to a wounded soldier of Tangier ; 2*s.* to a poor scholar of Cambridge ; 8*s.*, Oct. 24, 1679, " for 8 fire hearthes in the cloyster and schoole " [crossed out] ; various payments to and for Charles Tudway, a chorister ; an original bill, for making him a coat and breeches and supplying stockings and shoes, is inserted.

1679–1680.

Communar's Cash Book ; Dr. Thomas Holt, the Communar, 1679–80.

Payments : 5*l.* to Mr. Thirlby, the schoolmaster, for two quarters ; 5*l.* to Henry Winchcombe, the schoolmaster, for two quarters ; 1*l.* 10*s.* to the escheator for the pension of Mountroy College and 12*s.* for a house lately built in Mountroy Lane ; 1*l.* to a Spanish " prosilite " ; 1*s.* to a seaman taken by the Turks ; 20*l.* to Mr. Harris, May 4 ; 10*l.* to him, Sept. 29 ; 20*l.* to him, Nov. 8 ; 10*l.* to him, Dec. 16.

1680–1681.

Accounts of William Peirs, S.T.P., the Communar, 1680–81.

Payments: 10*l.* to Henry Winscombe, clerk, schoolmaster, 10*l.* to John Jackson, organist, and 22*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.* augmentation, and 20*l.* as master of the choristers; 10*l.* to Renatus Harris for repairing the organ.

Communar's Cash Book; William Peirs, S.T.P., Archdeacon of Taunton, the Communar, 1680–81.

Payments: 2*s.* to a poor Hamborough merchant, "shipwrack'd"; 10*l.* to Mr. [Henry] Winchcombe, clerk, the schoolmaster; 10*s.* to the post for the loss of his horse; 8*s.* 10*d.* for viewing the chancel of Chedder; 3*l.* 7*s.* to Mr. Healy, a bill of law charges about the repair of Chedder church; 1*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* to Mr. Healye for Mr. Deane by order of the chapter, for books which Mr. Deane bought for the library; 1680[–1], Jan. 1, 10*l.* to Mr. Harris for 102 pipes for the organ; 1681, April 13, 1*l.* to Mr. Jackson for his compositions of service, and 1*l.* more, a reward; 2*l.* to Mr. Healy for his diligence in the library.

Communar's Cash Book (another), 1680–81.

Payments: 1*s.* to Mr. Harris, his men to drink; 10*s.* to Mr. Jackson for repairs to the organ-loft; 7*s.* 6*d.* for mats for the church; 17*s.* for a rope for the chimes; 1*s.* 6*d.* for carriage of Mrs. Fane's books to Mr. Healy; 11*s.* 9*d.* to Mr. Healy for Mr. Sandys' Common Prayer book; 8*l.* to Mr. Rene Harris for a year's salary due at Michaelmas.

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1681, Oct. 1.—Whereas a boate is lately built at the charge of the deane and chapter . . . and of Robert Pope, gent., to bee imployed towards the repairinge of the sea-walls att Burncham and Huntspill, These presents witnes that I, the said Robert Pope, have on the day of the date hereof, received of Dr. William Peirs, comener of the said church, the somme of fouer pounds, beinge two partes of three of the charge of the said boate; and I doe hereby promise that if at any time I doe let the said boate to hire to any person, I will answer unto the deane and chapter, and their successors, two partes of three of the profittes thereof. (*Signed*) Ro. Pope.—[Communar's Book.]

1681–2, Jan. 4.—I doe hereby promise to exchange six shillinges, viz. two half-crownes and one shillinge, which I have this day paid to Dr. Peirs, beinge bad money. (*Signed*) William Hilman.—[Communar's Book.]

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Accounts of William Peirs and Thomas Peirs, executors of Dr. William Peirs, deceased, and Henry Dutton, Communars, 1681–82.

Receipts: 180*l.* from Mr. Bisse for renewing his estate in the rectory of St. Cuthbert's; 50*l.*, Mr. Dodington's fine for renewing the rectory of Chedder; 700*l.* from Sir John Sidenham for renewing the rectory of Stogumber; 42*l.* from Mr. Charles Francis for renewing the manor of Winscombe; 2,400*l.* from Mr. John Palmer for the purchase of the rectory of Bishop's Lideard.

Communar's Cash Book; William Peirs, S.T.P., Communar, 1681–82.

Payments: 1*s.* 6*d.* to a Spaniard traveller, maimed; 18*s.* to Mr. Healy for two Common Prayer books, one for "our Ladye's Chappell," the other for Mr. Dutton; 20*l.* to Mr. Sandys towards the rebuilding of the vicarage house of Mudford; 5*s.* to John Wilshire when he brought Dr. Peirses [*sic*] gift of books to the library; May 29, 15*s.* to the ringers and 2*s.* for a boon-fire; Aug. 22, 10*s.* to the ringers for welcoming judges; 5*l.* 8*s.* for 675 of oaken boards; 25*l.* to James Thomas towards his bill for leading the church; 3*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* paid him for glazing "the Ch. Audit and schoole house"; 8*s.* chimney money "for the schoole and cloysters"; 1*s.* for mending a lock and key of the grammar school; 1*s.* to a Turkish captive; 5*s.* to Mr. Prickman for gathering of calamint, at 2*s.* a pound; 6*s.* 9*d.* Thomas Fry's bill for making letters in Dr. Holt's seat in the choir; 50*l.* to James Thomas, "plummer"; 8*l.* to Mr. Rene Harris for cleansing and tuning the organ, being a year's salary due Michaelmas, *signed* René Harris; 2*s.* "to 18 seamen, taken by the Turkes, rescued by a French man of warr, and set a shore at Leverpool;" 1*l.* 12*s.* for 64 foot of oak timber, 6*in.* square; 20*l.* to Mr. Healy towards the library, given by Dr. Busby; 16*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* for 1,775 foot of oaken boards; 10*l.* 19*s.* to James Thomas, "plummer"; 1*l.* 10*s.* to Mr. Healy for a great ledger book; 6*s.* for a chapter book.

Accounts of the Executors of Dr. William Peirs, deceased, and Henry Dutton, Masters of the Fabric, 1681–82.

Receipts: Burials; Thomas Canington 16*s.* 8*d.*, Thomas Beamont 23*s.* 4*d.*, Dr. Peirs 30*s.*, Abraham Prickmangen 13*s.* 4*d.*, Joseph son of John Day 16*s.* 8*d.*

Payments: 8*l.* to Renatus Harris, his stipend for repairing the organs.

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1683, April 1.—Present, Thomas Holt, S.T.P., chancellor, John Selleck, S.T.P., archdeacon of Bath, and Robert Creyghton, S.T.P., precentor; Richard Healy, M.A., notary public, deputy chapter-clerk.*—*fo.* 1.

* Chapter Acts, vol. 1683–1704.

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1683, April 2.—Present, the above and Edwin Sandys, M.A., and Henry Dutton, S.T.B., two other canons resident.

Richard Collins, B.A., admitted a vicar-choral for his year of probation.—*fo.* 1*d.*

1683, April 5.—All future leases shall contain a covenant by the lessee to pay all taxes and rates except such as are imposed by act of parliament.—*fo.* 2*d.*

1683, April 12.—Ordered that a letter, dated this day, from Peter, bishop of Bath and Wells,* be entered into the legier book.—*fo.* 3.

1683, April 12.—Bishop Mews to the chapter. Wells.

My reverend brethren,

Having received the copy of a letter presented to you at your last meeting by Mr. Wm. and Mr. Tho. Peirce, in which they do (as they ought) professe a very great deference to your body, but at the same time make a very unbecoming reflexion (if I may be allow'd to say so) upon mee, in relation to Mr. Sandys's title to the canonry of this church, of the legality of whose investiture into which they might (had they vouchsaf'd to apply themselves to mee) bin fully satisfy'd ; I cannot but think myselfe obliged as well for your satisfaction (if any doubt should remayn with you) as for the confirmation of Mr. Sandys his right, and my own vindication, to declare, and I do by these presents declare that their suggestion is scandalously false : Mr. Sandys having duely perform'd all which the law requires to be done before mee, as may appeare by my certificate under my hand and seale.

I should add much more, did not religion and charity command my passion, and you should have had this under a fairer character, but that I did not think it so proper to deliver my thoughts to you under any other hand but my own, which will allwayes subscribe mee

Your affectionate, though, at present, affronted, brother,

P. Bath & Wells.

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1683, April 13.—The chapter to the bishop. Chapter House, Wells.

Wee received your lordship's letter of the 12th of this instant, and have made an act for the recording of it, and accordingly so it is done ; and wee shall be ready to give your lordship all other satisfaction, as in duty wee are bound. Wee are sorry that anything should come to us that might be in the least measure troublesome to your lordship, no chapter

* Peter Mew or Mewes, consecrated Feb. 9, 1672-3—*Le Neve.*

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in the world being more tender of the honour of their bishop, nor more ready to expresse their obedience then wee are and shall ever study to be to the utmost of our power. Wee were not able to foresee or prevent the heats and imprudencies of youth, and are troubled that they should be guilty of anything looking like an affront, especially towards your lordship. Wee have not been so far concerned in the difference between our bro. Sandys and Mr. Peirces as to question the legality of his election, but wee are concern'd that there should be any reflexion upon your lordship, especially such a one as carries scandall with it. Wee shall endeavour, as much as lies in us, to heale up the wounds and close the breaches between them, and wee humbly beg your lordship's helping hand to make an effectuall composure, and your lordship's blessing upon,

Right Reverend,
Your lordship's most dutifull and obedient,
Tho: Holt.
J. Selleck.
Rob: Creyghton.
Hen: Dutton.

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1683, April 20.—William Westley, notary public, clerk of the chapter.—*fo.* 4.

1683, April 28.—Ordered "that there shall be a declaration drawn up, to be propos'd to the full chapter and confirm'd by them the first of July next, to set forth that the dean and chapter have an undoubted right to a Pentecostall visitacion of the prebendaries of this cathedrall church and the liberties thereof yearly, by the constitutions, statutes and customes of this church."—*fo.* 4*d.*

1683, May 15.—A caveat addressed to the dean and chapter, not to pay any fine, dividend or quotidian to the rev. Edwin Sandys, a reputed canon, until he prove that he has been duly and truly elected; interposed by William and Thomas Peirs, sons and executors of the will of William Peirs, D.D., whilst he lived one of the canons. [*Cancelled.*]—*fo.* 5.

Memorandum that the 1st of August, 1683, Mr. dean and the canons residentiary, Dr. Holt, Dr. Creyghton and Mr. Dutton, being met in chapter, did decree that the above written caveat was surreptitiously entred by Mr. Westley, the chapter clerk, without their order or privity, and did decree the same to be voyd and null.

1683, Aug. 1.—Ralph Bathurst, M.D., the dean, was present. —*fo.* 8.

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The dean produced a letter from the king :—

CHARLES R.

Trusty and welbeloved, We greet you well. Having seen a capitular act made by you, the deane and chapter of our cathedrall church of Wells, containing certaine regulations how the canons residentiaries of that our church are to make their residences there throughout the yeare, that the same may be done in such manner as may best conduce to the service of God, the honour of that church and the convenience of the members thereof ; which capitular act is in the words following :—

Cum in Canone 44*to cautum et provisum sit quod ecclesiarum cathedralium canonici ita semper residentiæ tempora per totius anni curriculum inter se distribuant, ut ecclesia sua residentiariis, saltem aliquibus, nunquam penitus destituatur : Cumque nuperis temporibus, summa disciplinæ ecclesiasticæ incuria, evenerit ut omnes canonici inter primores menses ad residentiam suam una convolaverint, reliquo anni tempore neglecto nimium atque insuper habito ; eo scilicet fine ut residentiæ suæ termino per id tempus qualitercumque adimpleto totius anni sequentis commoda et emollita salva sibi præstent atque integra ; nos, ut sanctionis tam laudabilis authoritas vindicetur, atque honori et commodo ecclesiæ hujus melius in posterum consulatur, sic statuimus et decernimus.*

1°.—*Quod ineunte anno, scilicet, intra octavas festi sancti Michaælis, decanus et canonici in capitulo congregati tempus residentiæ suæ per annum sequentem ita ordinent et disponant, ut bini saltem, per singulos anni quadrantes, continuo residere teneantur.*

2°.—*Quod integrum sit cuilibet canonico, juxta ordinem dignitatis quam in ecclesia obtinet, designare quo sequentis anni quadrante vices suas obire maluerit.*

3°.—*Illis autem canonicis, quibus quadrimestris residentiæ officium incumbit, liberum esto, quartum, qui superest, mensem, quocunque anni tempore, sive continue, sive interpolatim, ecclesiæ impendere.*

4°.—*Ne tamen præsens hoc statutum iis, quibus posteriores sortes obligerint, fraudi sit, insuper decretum esto, quod omnia stipendia, dividenda, obvenciones, aliaque cujuscunque generis commoda et emolumenta, non solum iis debeantur et solvantur qui intra primum anni quadrantem residentiam suam actu compleverint, sed iis etiam qui complere parati sunt, licet ipsos sors sua in posteriores menses detruserit, ita ut residentiam actualem finere aut vero inchoare, nondum potuerint.*

5°.—*Singuli autem canonici, et præcipue decanus ipse, quotiescunque residentiæ suæ vices obierint, pauperibus sublevandis, hospitibusque honestiori modo excipiendis operam dabant ; imprimis vero sedulo jurabunt ut preces*

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publicæ rite et canonice celebrentur et frequententur præsertim ab iis, quorum maxime interest, vicariis scilicet et choristis, neque ipsi tamen divinis officiis temere se subducent, nisi negotiis importantis (?) aut causa sontica, aliave urgentissima et gravissima impediti.

Actum capitulare decani et capituli ecclesiæ cathedralis Wellensis decretum et inactitatum, 17° die Octobris. anno domini 1670.

Rad: Bathurst, *decanus.*
Guliel: Peirs, *archidiaconus Taunton'.*
Tho: Holt, *cancellarius.*
Gr: Sheafe, *archidiaconus Wellen'.*

We do approve the said capitular act, and do by these presents confirme and ratifie the same in every part and article thereof, requiring that the rules therein declared be constantly and punctually observed yearly and every yeare by the deane and canons residentiaryes of that our church that now are and hereafter shall be; as likewise that those, whose lot for making their residences shall fall into the latter part of the yeare (they being willing and ready to do the same, as in the 4th article is expressed) shall have and receive all their stipends, dividends, obventions, and other benefits and emoluments of what kind soever, although they have not actually finished their residences or, it may be, not begun them.

Given under our signet and signe manuall at our palace of Hampton Court, the tenth day of May, 1683, in the five and thirtieth yeare of our reigne.

By his majestie's command.

L. Jenkins.

1683, Aug. 1.—The caveat entered in this book, May 15, 1683, under the hand of William Westley, the chapter clerk, against the title and interest of Mr. Sandys, canon residentiary, is declared null and void, and the election of Mr. Sandys good and lawful.—*fo.* 10.

On the nomination of Richard Busby, S.T.P., the treasurer, John Peace is elected clerk of the cathedral, in place of Thomas Sandford, deceased.—*fo.* 10*d.*

1683, Aug. 2.—Richard Thomas of Wells, woollen-draper, surrendered an indenture of an inn in Chamberlaine Street, called "The King's Arms," granted to Adrian Bower, gent., and took another lease for three lives.—*fo.* 11.

Accounts of Henry Dutton, the Communar, 1682–83.

Receipts: 2*l.* 6*s.* from Mr. Aylworth, pension from the College of Mountroy.

Payments: 2*s.* to 18 seamen rescued from the Turks; 1*s.* to a poor shipwrecked Genoese; 5*s.* towards redemption of captives; 1*s.* to a poor Italian; 1*s.* to a poor Swede; 2*s.* to 4 shipwrecked Spaniards; 8*s.* to a poor [woman] "to redeeme

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her sonne from Argiers"; Mr. Winchcombe, the schoolmaster; Mr. John Jackson, the organist; 10*s.* for a great leiger book, 6*s.* 8*d.* for a chapter book, 1*s.* for the carriage of them from Oxford; 1*l.* on a brief for Wapping; 17*s.* 6*d.* for two halberts; 1*l.* towards the losses by fire at Newmarket.

ACCOUNTS of HENRY DUTTON, MASTER of the FABRIC, 1682–83.

Receipts: Burials, John Greene's wife, 13*s.* 4*d.*; Mary Kingston, servant to Dr. Selleck, 5*s.* 4*d.*; John Hussey, servant to the bishop, 5*s.* 4*d.*; Mr. Lemon's son, 16*s.* 8*d.*; — Morgan, widow, 16*s.* 8*d.*

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1683, Oct. 1.—Joseph Shallett, M.A., produced royal letters under the privy seal, directed to the dean and chapter, recommending his election as a canon residentiary on the first vacancy occurring after those who have already obtained royal letters shall have been elected. Dated at Winchester, Sept. 4, 1683. *Signed*, L. JENKINS.—*fo.* 13*d.*

1683, Oct. 3.—The pew or seat on the north side of the church, above the pulpit, where Mrs. Morgan, deceased, usually sat, is granted (during the pleasure of the chapter) to Dr. Baylie, the chancellor of the diocese, for his lady to sit in. —*fo.* 15.

1683, Oct. 4.—The dean is allowed two months in complement of his residence, "in consideration of his being one of his majestie's chaplaines in ordinary and so being obliged to wait a whole month yearly upon his majesty, and in consideration of his journies in relation to that duty and of his being liable every yeare to preach a sermon before his majestie in Lent."—*fo.* 15*d.*

1683, Oct. 26.—Ordered "that the clerk of the courts do search the court-rolls, whether the occupiers of the tenement called 'Crouch' in the mannor of Whitchurch Canonicorum be not obliged to entertain the steward of the dean and chapter and other the church officers at their keeping courts; and if the said occupiers be obliged, they decree that prosecution shall be speedily against them for default in that particular." —*fo.* 16.

1683, Oct. 27.—Ordered "to prosecute the tenants who are indebted to the church for Martins Wheate, due to the said deane and chapter."—*fo.* 16*d.*

1683, Nov. 14.—Edwin Sandys, M.A., installed in the prebend of Hewish and Brent and in the archdeaconry of

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Wells, on the death of Charles Thirlby, M.A., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 17*d.*

The vicarage of St. Cuthbert's, Wells, being vacant by the death of Mr. Thirlby, and the nomination belonging to Mr. Sandys "*per sortes, vulgo* balls," he relinquished his right. The chapter presented Henry Winchecombe, clerk, M.A., a vicar-choral, prebendary and schoolmaster of the cathedral church.—*fo.* 19.

Richard Oliver, S.T.B., Fellow of St. John the Baptist's College, Oxford, installed in the prebend of Wanstrow, on the resignation of Edwin Sandys, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 19*d.*

1683, Dec. 6.—In the audit-house [*in domo auditoriali*].* William Peirs, S.T.P., late archdeacon of Taunton and canon residentiary, having left 50*l.* to the dean and chapter, ordered that it be placed in the hands of the comminar to relieve the burdens of the church.—*fo.* 21.

1683, Dec. 7.—Thomas Davis appointed clerk of the church, on the death of William Thomas.—*fo.* 21*d.*

1683, Dec. 12.—Dr. Creyghton and Mr. Dutton, supervisors of the houses for this year, report "that there is one little thatcht house belonging to the deanary of Wells, built and set up, as they believe, by Dr. Burgesse, in the late unhappy times, upon the north wall of the said deanary by the lane commonly called 'College Lane.'" They advise that it be taken down. Ordered accordingly.—*fo.* 22.

1683, Dec. 17.—30*l.* of Dr. Busby's money is still remaining. Ordered that 4*l.* be paid to the widow of Mr. Thomas Beaumont, a priest-vicar of this church, lately deceased, and 5*l.* to Dr. Creyghton for certain pious and charitable uses as to which the chapter has given him directions.—*fo.* 23.

1683, Dec. 20.—The tenants of the twelve houses commonly called 'New-works' having appeared yesterday in chapter, and some of them having complained that the great pipe, which brings the water to the twelve houses, is out of repair, all the said tenants (who are lessees of the dean and chapter) are warned that if they fail to pay their proportions, as they are obliged by their leases, they will be sued for breach of covenant.—*fo.* 24.

1683–4, Jan. 2.—The chapter met in the chapter-house and adjourned to the audit-house or exchequer.—*fo.* 25.

1683–4, Jan. 5.—In the chapter-house, the bishop being also present, Gabriel Greene and John Cooper, vicars-choral,

* All chapters to the end of the year were held there.

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appeared and confessed—"that they had offended God Almighty, and broken the king's lawes, by affronting Mr. William Peirs, son of the reverend Dr. William Peirs, late canon residentiary of this church, deceased, and riotously assaulting his man in his roome at the Miter Tavern, within the citty of Wells; and therefore they do ask Almighty God, the king's majestie, and the said Mr. Peirs forgivenesse for the same." They are warned to behave themselves, and, in sign of penitance, to receive the Sacrament in the cathedral on the morrow.—*fo.* 26.

1683–4, Jan. 10.—Sealed letters dispensatory of the bishop, giving Mr. Sandys leave to pull down the canonical house on the west side of the palace, and to build a new house, fit for a canon residentiary, on different foundations.—*fo.* 27*d.*

Unanimously ratified and confirmed a capitular act, made October 29, 1632, that no prebendary or priest-vicar presume to violate the statutes of this church and ecclesiastical canons, by celebrating or solemnising matrimony in the cathedral by virtue of any licence from the bishop or any other person whatsoever not having jurisdiction within the cathedral.—*fo.* 28.

1684, April 2.—Richard Collins, B.A., admitted a perpetual priest-vicar-choral.—*fo.* 29*d.*

1684, May 6.—Ordered "that pursuant to an act of chapter of the 20th of December last past, touching the great pipe which brings the water to the twelve houses commonly called 'the New-works,' Mr. William Westley shall pay the workmen for the repaire of the said great pipe till it comes to the first of the twelve houses, and that the chapter will reimburse him for the same, hee first allowing his own proportions due from him upon the covenants in his leases."—*fo.* 31*d.*

1684, May 7.—Sealed the answer of the dean and chapter to a bill in chancery *ex parte* Edward Strode, esq.—*fo.* 32.

"Since all the indulgence of the throne and all the mildnesse of the church cannot oblige the dissenters of this kingdome to their duty, but that they still foment designs to lay them both in one common ruine; and since it is unequall that those persons should enjoy the lands of the church and the blessings of that tenure, who despise her lawes and professe themselves her enemies"—it is therefore ordered—"that for the future no persons whatsoever who hold any estate from the dean and chapter of this cathedrall church, either by lease or copy, shall be admitted to renew or purchase any further interest in any such estate, unlesse a certificate be first brought to the chapter, under the hand of the minister of their parish, that they doe live in obedience to his majestie's lawes, and that they have received the Blessed Sacrament

of the Lord's Supper within a yeare next before their admission to make any such purchase, or that the chapter by some other way be ascertained of such conformity of the purchasers."

THO: HOLT.
J. SELLECK.
ROB: CREYGHTON.
EDWIN SANDYS.
HEN: DUTTON.

—*fo.* 32*d.*

1684, July 2.—Henry Dutton the younger, M.A., appointed vicar of Pucklechurch, co. Gloucester, on the death of John Knowles; nominated by Dr. Creyghton, to whom it fell on the last casting of lots.—*fo.* 34*d.*

Henry Dutton, S.T.B., appointed steward for two years.—*fo.* 35.

1684, Aug. 7.—Henry Dutton the younger, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe VI, on the death of John Knowles; and William Durston, M.A., in the prebend of Scamford *alias* Shalford, on the resignation of [Thomas] Cartwright, S.T.P.—*fo.* 37.

1684, Aug. 12.—Walter Hart, M.A., Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford, installed in the prebend of Aishill, on the resignation of Thomas Lessey, M.A.—*fo.* 39*d.*

CASH BOOK of HENRY DUTTON, S.T.B., the COMMUNAR, 1683–84.

Payments: 4*s.* "to B^{pp} Potter's grandson"; 4*s.* 6*d.* for 6 sacks of coal used about the "sodringe worke"; 6*d.* to Mr. Healy for the oathes of allegiance and supremacy, to lie in the chapter house; 10*s.* to the ringers at the bringing in of the new charter; 1*s.* to three Barbados men, planters, wrecked at sea; 10*s.* to Mr. Sandys his workmen, at the laying of the foundation of his house; 5*s.* to a distressed Switzer; 5*s.* for a brief to Channel Row, Westminster; 1*s.* to a poor scholar that spoke Latin; 3*s.* to a troop of Barbadoes merchants; 2*s.* 6*d.* to a poor Staffordshire minister; 5*s.* to Jonas Wilcox for mending the bellows of the organ, "whether this must be payd by Mr. Harris I know not"; 2*l.* 10*s.* to my Lord Fitzhardinge for one quarterly pension to the French minister; 10*l.* to Robert Bayly for mending the clock, according to the bargain made with him; 1*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* to John Prickman for gathering calamint in Winscombe; 1*l.* 5*s.* to Mr. Thomas Peirs for a Bible; 8*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.* for repairs to the choristers' house.

ACCOUNTS of HENRY DUTTON, S.T.B., KEEPER of the FABRIC, 1683–84.

Receipts: 4*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* for burials, viz.: Dame Frances Creyghton, 30*s.*; Elizabeth Deane, 30*s.*; Mistress Trencher, 16*s.* 8*d.*; Mr. Westley's son, 16*s.* 8*d.*

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Payments: 52*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* to workmen for repairs; 8*l.* to Renatus Harris, the repairer of the organs, for his stipend this year.

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1684, Oct. 1.—Mr. Henry Dutton, canon residentiary, appointed official of the dean and chapter within their peculiar jurisdictions.—*fo.* 42.

— Traunt, one of the tenants in New-works, is ordered to take down within a month the stable which he has built in his garden there, contrary to the covenant in his lease.—*fo.* 42*d.*

Persons who have erected new cottages on the wastes of the manors of North Curry, Wrantage, East Curry and Knap-fee are to be "prosecuted at law."

1684, Oct. 6.—Ordered "that for the future all monies to be given to any briefs or any other public uses by any members of the chapter shall be paid by the commoner for the time being out of the publick stock, the quotum to be ordered by the canons then upon the place, and not any monies to be required of any particular member of the chapter."—*fo.* 44.

Ordered "that the said Mr. Edwin Sandys in compensation of his charges of the last audit-feast, made in the first yeare of his stewardship, instead of the herriots lately granted, or reversions, shall have to his own use, or to his executors or administrators, the next fine which shall be made from that copyhold estate in the mannor of Winscombe which is now in the possession of Susan Stokes, widdow," etc.

In future every steward shall receive 20*l.* yearly, "which summe, with the acceptavit fees, usually received by the steward, and 40*s.* for the second audit, shall be his full satisfaction and compensation for the entertainments which hee shall make at the audits, without expectation of any herriots or reversions."

1684, Oct. 8.—"Mr. Sandys shall have and receive and cut down the tree in the churchyard, next to the whirlygog leading to the deanary, towards the building of his canonicall house."—*fo.* 45.

1684, Oct. 23.—In the exchequer. Ordered "that Mr. Christopher Broome, atturney at law, be desired to take care of prosecuting those persons at North Curry, and in the mannors adjoyning, belonging to the dean and chapter, who have erected cottages there without the leave of the chapter."—*fo.* 46.

Ordered "that 50*li.*, part of the 100*li.* which Dr. Busby lately gave to the library, shall be lent to the Revnd Mr. Sandys, upon bond, for half a yeare, to be employed upon his house which hee is now building, he giving his personall security to repay it."

1684–1685.

1684, Oct. 31.—Ordered "that, in consideration that Mr. Winchcombe, the vicar of St. Cuthbert's, is this yeare at greate charges in paying his first-fruits and other monies incident to his vicarage to be payd, the chapter do, for this yeare only, agree to remitt to him fourteen pounds and a penny, which the vicar of St. Cuthbert's is oblig'd to pay to the dean and chapter yearly."—*fo.* 46*d.*

1684, Nov. 8.—Sealed the answer of the dean and chapter to a bill in chancery of Edward Strode, esq.—*fo.* 47.

Ordered "that the seate just above the bishop's throne on the south side of the quire, lately erected by the present lord bishop with the leave of the chapter, is designed and shall be for the use of Mrs. Elizabeth Bayly, wife of Dr. John Bayly, chancellor of the diocess, and that leave is hereby graunted to her to use the same during the pleasure of the chapter." The order of Oct. 3, 1683, is cancelled.

1684, Dec. 5.—Lease for lives to Richard Bobbet of the parish of Michael Creech, of a piece of moor-ground, "and the back-river, call'd the Back Shutts or Five Shutts, neare Hammills, with the power of landing coale, etc."—*fo.* 48.

1684, Dec. 9.—The bishop (Peter Mews) having been translated to the see of Winchester, Thomas Willoughby, gent., produced the king's letters patent, "*vulgo le conge d'eslire*," naming Thomas Kenn [*sic*], D.D., one of the chaplains in ordinary.—*fo.* 49.

1684, Dec. 16.—Election of Dr. Ken.—*fo.* 51*d.*

1684–5, Feb. 6.—William Newton, B.A., presented to the rectory of East Lambrook, on the nomination of Dr. Creyghton. —*fo.* 56.

Installation of bishop Ken.—*fo.* 57.

1684–5, March 2.—To the king's most excellent majesty, James the Second. . . .

The humble address of the bishop and clergy of the diocesse of Bath and Wells.

If ever our loyalty could truly be sayd to sow in teares and to reap in joy, it was that houre when wee receiv'd the newes of our late dread soveraigne's death and of your majestie's peaceable succession.

But, blessed be God, whose propitious providence made our joyes to over-balance our sorrowes, by soon satisfying us that our king never died; that hee still lives in you, his rightfull successor; that he still lives in you, his onely brother, and, as hee himselfe on his death-bed often profess'd, his dearest friend; that he still lives in you, in that peculiar graciousnesse which render'd him amiable to all mankind and a most tender

nursing father to the church and people of England, and which to our unspeakable consolation does illustriously appeare in that auspicious promise your majesty has made us of protecting our establish't religion, the greatest concerne wee have in the world.

'Tis this assures us that the dying benediction his late majesty gave to his kingdome, is abundantly fulfill'd in you, and wee securely relye on the sacrednesse of your royall word, which has ever beene inviolable; for which wee returne our most humble acknowlegements to your majesty, and offer up our praises to the divine goodness.

Wee do withall solemnly vow to teach and to inculcate allegiance, both in our discourses and by our examples, to all your subjects under our care, and to excite them to joyn with us in our fervent prayers that your majesty may have an happy reigne here below and a late exaltation to your throne above.—*fo.* 60.

John Wookey was given 10*s.* for writing out the address *laudatissimo charactere.* Mr. Edwin Sandys, archdeacon of Wells, was appointed to take it to London and present it to the king.—*fo.* 61.

1685, April 1.—Lease to Sarah Cannington of Wells, widow, for 40 years, of a dwelling house at the upper end of the High Street or Market Place in Wells, against the Market House eastward, and next adjoyning to the Guildhall, now in the tenure of Guydo Clynton, on the south, and the porch or gate leading into the churchyard of the cathedral church on the north side and the Chorister House on the east side; also a little plot of ground adjoining the said dwelling house on the east and north sides, and lately taken out of the backside or garden of the said Choristers' House, with the consent of the dean and chapter.—[Ledger, 1681–1701, *p.* 53.]

1685, April 6.—Whereas the poor of the old Almes-house did usually expect and receive a gratuity from each single canon quarterly: ordered, that for the future the commoner shall quarterly pay to them 5*s.* for the whole chapter.—*fo.* 63.

Ordered that the commoner shall pay 48*s.* to Mary Compton, if she will take the same in full of all demands and claims for keeping, curing or burying of Christian Burd.

1685, April 9.—William Pritchard, B.A., presented to the rectory of East Lambrook, vacant by the death of Samuel Tilley, William Newton having yielded his right.—*fo.* 64.

Sealed a lease for 40 years of a house at the upper end of the place called High Street or the Market Place, next [*juxta*] to the porch called Pennylesse Porch, to Sarah widow of Thomas Canington.

1684–1685.

1685, June 18.—Afterwards, the disgraceful civil war pressing hardly, under the command and in the presence of the chief of the rebels, James, Duke of Monmouth, the bastard son of the most illustrious prince, Charles II, late king of England; the most noble lord Charles, Duke of Somerset, the king's lieutenant in that county, being sent into these parts, and military matters, which ought to be a help to the king, wrongly arising, being weakened not less by the lack of money, the sinews of war, than by the folly of the soldiers, deserting their leaders and the king's side and almost at the same moment joining the rebels; it seemed good to the venerable men, Dr. Holt, Dr. Creyghton, Mr. Sandys and Mr. Dutton, assembled at Wells, June 18, 1685, in order that the cathedral church may be seen in some way to take its part so far as it can in these difficulties, to lend 100*l.* to the king's majesty, its most worthy patron, for the king's use in the impending war; to which end they at once gave orders to me, Richard Healy, who then had that sum belonging to the dean and chapter in my possession, to pay the same into the hands of the aforesaid most honorable lord, the Duke of Somerset, which mandate they decreed should be by warrant for such payment, and at once I paid the money as is aforesaid.

We testify to the premises.

Tho: Holt.
Rob: Creyghton.
Edwin Sandys.
Hen: Dutton.

—*fo.* 65.

1685, July 1.—In the chapter house, between the hours of 4 and 5 p.m.; present Dr. Thomas Holt, the chancellor, and Nicholas Neblett, notary public.—*fo.* 66.

Because the civil war has so far fallen hardly upon us, this cathedral church having much, alas! over much, experienced the barbarity of the rebel fanatics, who early this very morning profaned the whole furniture thereof, almost ruined the organ, and they have transformed the sacred edifice into stalls for their horses—he prorogued the chapter and adjourned it to July 29, hoping that before such time this wicked rebellion would be utterly rooted out.

Nor indeed was the desire of the most worthy president disappointed in that behalf, inasmuch as the intervening 6th of July, auspicious day! brought an end to the rebellion and a downfall to the rebels, at Weston Zoyland in this county. And so it is now possible to return in safety to the care of the church, that stands firm against treason, arms and hatred, and against the gates of hell.

Deus, Deus nobis hæc otia fecit.

1685, Aug. 3.—Thomas Brickenden, S.T.B., prebend of Wormister, presented the following letter from the king to the dean and chapter :—

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JAMES R.

Trusty and welbeloved, we greet you well. Whereas the late king, our most deare brother, deceased, did by his letter bearing date the 3rd day of May, 1680, require you to conferre upon our trusty and welbeloved Thomas Brickenden, Batchelour in Divinity and prebendary of that our cathedral church, a canon residentiarie's place in the same, upon the first vacancy which should happen after Dr. Levinz should be provided for: We, being given to understand that the said Dr. Levinz is since provided for accordingly, and being gratiously pleased in consideration of the piety, loyalty and sufferings of the said Thomas Brickenden, to confirme the favour intended him by our said deare brother, have thought fitt to recommend him most effectually to you: willing and requiring you that upon the first vacancy which shall any way happen, of a canon residentiarie's place in our said cathedrall church, you conferre the same upon him, with all the rights, profits and advantages thereunto belonging. And so, not doubting of your ready complyance herein, we bid you farewell. Given at our Court at Whitehall, May 30, 1685, in the first yeare of our reigne.

By his majestie's command.

SUNDERLAND.

—*fo.* 66*d.*

1685–1686.

1685, Oct. 1.—Dr. Holt produced letters of privy seal from the king to the dean and chapter:—

JAMES R.

Trusty and welbeloved, wee greet you well. Whereas our late most deare brother, King Charles of ever blessed memory, was graciously pleased, by his letters bearing date the 4th day of July, in the 34th yeare of his reigne [1682], to recommend unto you John Yeadle, M.A., and chaplain to our right trusty and wellbeloved cousin, Maurice, lord viscount Fitzharding, to be chosen into the first canon residentiarie's place that shall become voyd in that our cathedrall church of Wells, next and immediately after such as had obtained any precedent letters of our said royall brother for the like dignity. Wee, nothing doubting but that our said royall brother's intentions were well grounded, and being desirous that they should accordingly take effect, have thought fitt hereby to signifye our pleasure unto you, that you elect and admitt him the said John Yeadle into the first vacant place of a canon residentiary. . . . For the better effecting whereof our pleasure is that you cause these our letters also to be entred in your registry. Whitehall, June 30, 1685.

By his majestie's command.

MIDDLETON.

—*fo.* 69.

1685–1686.

1685, Oct. 2.—The dean and five canons present having taken into their serious consideration the present condition of the fabrick of this cathedrall church, especially of the body or nave thereof, and finding the roof of it to be in very great decay, so that unlesse it be now substantially repaired, it will in some short time be in great danger of falling, they do therefore decree and order—

That there shall be an agreement made on their behalfe with Mr. Thomas Wood of the university of Oxford, stone-cutter, for the repaire of the same, and that hee shall be forthwith sent for to that end, to come hither to undertake that work immediately upon such agreement. And for the raising of money for so good and so necessary a worke, the chapter shall be and are hereby authorized to borrow at interest any summe of money not exceeding 400*l.*, and to give security for the same by bond, in the name of the dean and chapter, under their common and chapter seale. —*fo.* 70*d.*

1685, Oct. 7.—Ordered that the present commoner shall, by vertue of this act of chapter, which shall be his sufficient warrant in that behalfe, pay unto Mrs. Frideswide Creyghton, the wife of Dr. Robert Creyghton, canon residentiary of this church, the summe of 20*l.* sterling, in the name of the dean and chapter . . . , in regard that the said summe of 20*l.* was extorted from the said Mrs. Creyghton on the 1st of July last, when the late rebells' army, under the late duke of Monmouth, lay in this citty, by their commissary generall, Samuell Storey ; the deane and canons aforesaid being satisfied, as well from the said Mrs. Creyghton as from the said Storey, under his hand, who was lately a prisoner in this place, that if the said 20*l.* had not been paid, as aforesaid, not only this cathedrall church, but the canons' houses also, would have suffered the utmost violence of those rebells.—*fo.* 72.

1685, Oct. 20.—The chapter met in the chapter house and immediately adjourned to the house of Dr. Creyghton, the precentor.

Ordered that 4*l.* shall be paid by mee [Richard Healy] to John Penny, goldsmith, out of the 30*l.* which Dr. Busby gave some time since to the use of the church, for a new silver verge, the old verge having been stollen out of the church by the late rebells on the 1st day of July last.

1685, Oct. 20.—Ordered that the commoner shall pay to James Williams, the sacrist, *ex gratia capituli*, the summe of 10*l.* in money or otherwise, in consideration of his very honest services to the church in the preservation of the ornaments and plate belonging to it, when the late rebells were in this place, the last of June and first of July last.—*fo.* 73*d.*

1685–1686.

1685–6, Jan. 4.—Mr. John Prickman [*struck out*] and Mr. William Wickham are appointed game keepers within the manor of Shipham and the manor and royalty of Winscombe respectively.—*fo.* 79*d.*

1685–6, Jan. 7.—Ordered that the library of the cathedrall church shall be repaired with Dr. Busby's benefaction, and beautifyed, as the said Dr. Busby doth desire, and that Richard Healy [the chapter clerk] shall take care of the same.—*fo.* 80.

1685–6, Jan. 9.—Ordered that 5*s.* shall be allowed out of Dr. Busby's 30*l.*, for John Dean's funeral; that James Williams, the sacrist, shall take care that the fifth bell be forthwith hanged up again as it was before it fell.—*fo.* 80*d.*

1686, April 1.—Thomas Randolph, LL.B., presented to the rectory of Shipham. Tho nomination had fallen to Dr. Busby on the last casting of lots, and by him was referred to the chapter.—*fo.* 82.

1686, April 8.—Mr. Dutton, according to the last casting of lots, nominated William Dutton, B.A., to the vicarage of Long Sutton.—*fo.* 82*d.*

1686, July 2.—Dr. Richard Busby, the treasurer, is appointed steward for two years from Oct. 1 next.—*fo.* 84*d.*

1686, Aug. 11.—Mr. John Davis, atturney-at-law, shall be desired to undertake the businesse on the behalfe of the deane and chapter which is now depending in chancery, between them and Edward Strode, esq., about the rent of Long Sutton parsonage.—*fo.* 86.

1686–1687.

1686, Oct. 1.—Dr. Busby, the treasurer, is appointed official of the dean and chapter for their peculiar jurisdictions.—*fo.* 89.

1686, Oct. 6.—Thomas Storre, plumber and glazier of Wells, shall hereafter be employed in leading and glazing the church.—*fo.* 91.

1686, Oct. 21.—Because the necessary burthens and expences of this cathedrall church, both as to the fabrick, which hath cost this last yeare neare 500*l.* in repairs, and to other continuall payments, are very great, ordered, that for the yeare last past, and for the time to come, there shall not be allowed 40*s.* per annum as a salary to a councellour-at-law for the deane and chapter, seeing that upon all occasions they are forc'd to pay the same fees, and that no respect is had to the said salary, as it hath been heretofore payd.—*fo.* 92*d.*

1686–1687.

1686, Dec. 7.—Mr. Sandys, to whom the right belonged by lot, having waived the right of nomination to the vicarage of North Curry, the chapter appointed Lewis Parris, M.A., Mr. Owen, the last incumbent, being dead.—*fo.* 94.

1686, Dec. 8.—Ordered that all profits of the church of Gregory Stoke, except the rights and tithes belonging to the parsonage, be granted to Lewis Parris, vicar of North Curry, during pleasure.—*fo.* 94*d.*

1686, Dec. 10.—James Browne shall have leave to stop up his door in the churchyard wall, leading out of his house into the churchyard, and to make a new door into the same wall, to lead out of his house into the churchyard, upon condition that he shall pay yearly for the same 2*s.*, or the door to be shut up. And so the doors of the rest of the tenants, which they have out of their houses into the churchyard, to be shut up, unless each of them shall pay 2*s.* for each door.—*fo.* 95.

1686, Dec. 17.—Dr. John Selleck, archdeacon of Bath, gave 50*l.* for the use and benefit of the poor people now or hereafter in the old almshouses of the erection of Bishop Bubwith and Bishop Still. The income only is to be used. —*fo.* 96.

1687, May 25.—Knightley Chetwood, M.A., installed in the prebend of Compton Dundon, vacant by the death of John Wood, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 103.

1687, July 7.—John Payne, registrar of the dean and chapter, has leave to put up some rails in front of his door in the churchyard, as other houses in New Works have, he paying 2*s.* yearly for his door into the churchyard.—*fo.* 104*d.*

1687, Aug. 3.—Whereas Mr. Francis Atkins of Combe St. Nicholas of the peculiar jurisdiction of the dean and chapter, at the last visitation held there did refuse to take the oath of a churchwarden for that parish, and was thereupon excommunicated; he, the said Francis Atkins, after the 40 days of his excommunication are expired, shall be signifyed, and the writ *de excommunicatione capienda* shall be took out, and the warrant upon it executed at the chapter's charge. —*fo.* 106.

Mr. John Davis shall be employed by the chapter to sue Mr. Edward Strode of Downside, for breach of covenant in not repairing the chancel of Long Sutton.

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1687, Oct. 25.—Ordered that, notwithstanding any act of chapter heretofore made, the deane and chapter, in consideration of the perversenesse and unkindnesse of severall of the

tenants of the church, shall be and are at liberty to grant reversions and estates by copy for more than six lives, and without the consent of the tenant in possession, as the chapter have heretofore done, according to their discretion.—*fo.* 111.

1687, Nov. 7.—Dr. Creyghton, on behalf of Dr. Busby, to whom the right fell on the last casting of lots, nominated Joseph Shallett, M.A., prebendary of this cathedral, to the vicarage of Chedder, now vacant.—*fo.* 111*d.*

1687–8, Jan. 10.—Mr. Dutton, to whom the right fell on the last casting of lots, nominated Francis Cradock, B.A., to the curacy or chaplaincy of the church or chapel of Allerton, vacant by the death of Thomas Davies.—*fo.* 114*d.*

The common or chapter seal was affixed to the answer of the dean and chapter to the bill in chancery of Francis, Lord Hawley, and others, plaintiffs.—*fo.* 115.

1687–8, Jan. 21.—Mr. Westley has leave to set up some more rails in the churchyard, 6*ft.* from the wall against his own house.—*fo.* 115*d.*

1687–8, Jan. 23.—Ordered that the dean and chapter did give their consent and do still continue it, that upon the falling of the parsonage of Bishop's Lidyeard, co. Somerset, into their hands by the death of the rt. hon. Charles, earl of Rochester, the trustees or executors of John, late earl of Rochester, his father, or their assigns, should have free use of the parsonage, barnes, backside and other its appurtenances, and receive all the profits of the said parsonage until the parsonage and premises were granted to some one else.—*fo.* 116.

1687–8, Feb. 20.—Francis Cradock, B.A., installed in the prebend of Combe VIII, vacant by the death of Thomas Kerswell, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 117.

1687–8, March 1.—Matthew Hole, S.T.B., Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford, installed in the prebend of Wedmore II, vacant by the death of Thomas Davies, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 118.

1688, April 7.—Robert Hodge, vicar-choral, is appointed organist, on the death of John Jackson.—*fo.* 120.

1688, July 4.—Ordered that 40*l.* be paid by the commoner towards the relief of the French protestants.—*fo.* 123*d.*

1688, July 5.—Robert Hodge, vicar-choral, appeared before the chapter and the vicars-choral, and confessed that he had been in the company of some persons who lately broke a window at night, within the liberty and city, and that he consented

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thereto. He was warned that if he did not behave better in his year of probation he would be amoved.—*fo.* 124.

Dr. Levinz, the sub-dean, elected steward for two years. —*fo.* 124*d.*

1688, July 6.—Dr. Creyghton, to whom the right fell on last casting of lots, nominated John Constantine to the rectory of East Lambrook, vacant by the resignation of Mr. Pritchard.

1688, Aug. 1.—Mr. Robert Hodge appointed organist, during the pleasure of the chapter, at a salary of 5*l.* a quarter. —*fo.* 126.

1688, Sept. 5.—Samuel Hill, B.A., installed in the prebend of Buckland Dinham, on the death of John Yeadle, M.A., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 127.

1688–1689.

1688, Oct. 3.—Dr. Levinz appointed official of the dean and chapter, during pleasure.—*fo.* 131.

1688–9, Feb. 25.—William Hughes, LL.B., appointed vicar-general by the bishop.—*fo.* 134*d.*

1689, March 25.—Thomas Cheyney, M.A., Fellow of St. Mary's College, Winchester, installed in the prebend of Litton, on the death of Thomas Holt, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 136.

1689, April 2.—Eldridge Aris, clerk, M.A., admitted a vicar-choral for a year of probation.—*fo.* 138*d.*

Thomas Brickenden, S.T.B., prebend of Wormister, was admitted as a canon residentiary, on the death of Thomas Holt, S.T.P., late chancellor, and paid 100 marks caution money; of which sum 10 marks were paid to the fabric, 10 marks to the vicars-choral and 7*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* to each of the seven canons residentiary; he is not to have any emolument as a canon, except quotidians, nor to begin residence before October 1, 1690.

1689, April 4.—Mr. Thomas Brickenden collated to the canonical house on the west side of the Canon Barne, late in the possession of Dr. Thomas Holt, deceased.—*fo.* 141.

1689, July 7.—William Clement, M.A., installed in the prebend of Ilton, on the death of Samuel Willan, pursuant to mandate of William Hughes, LL.B., commissary of the bishop.—*fo.* 145.

1689–1690.

1689, Oct. 1.—The act of chapter made on Oct. 1, 1608, is annulled, and it shall be lawful for absent canons to appoint

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other canons as their proxies to vote in all affairs of the chapter. —*fo.* 149*d.*

Ordered that 7*s.* shall be paid to the fabric for the use of the great bell at funerals.—*fo.* 150.

1689, Oct. 3.—Ordered that, in the absence of any canon, the senior prebendary at prayers shall be rector and governour of the quire, to order services and anthems and other necessary affaires in the quire.—*fo.* 150*d.*

1689, Oct. 4.—Whereas two canonicall houses, lying on the east of the cathedral church of Wells, were utterly ruined in the time of the late civill warres, whereby there are or may be want of houses in the liberty for canons resident of the said cathedral church to reside and keep hospitality in: therefore the deane and five canons aforesaid do decree, that the mansion house, garden and ground thereunto belonging, situate on the north side of the dwelling house of Madam Poulet in the liberty of St. Andrewes, having been formerly a canonicall house, and being now set out for a terme of years which is something neare expiring, when that terme of years which is now upon it is expired, no new estate or terme shall be granted . . . but that the said house shall be made a canonicall house againe for one of the canons of the church. . . . *Marginal note. Revocatur per actum factum* 26 July, 1714. —*fo.* 151.

1689, Oct. 19.—Ion Beachamp, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wanstrow, on the death of Richard Oliver, pursuant to mandate of William Hughes, LL.B., the commissary.—*fo.* 152.

1689, Oct. 29.—Dr. Busby chosen proctor for convocation. —*fo.* 153*d.*

1689, Dec. 2.—Andrew Paschall, S.T.B., the chancellor, nominates Thomas Elliot, B.A., as schoolmaster of the dean and chapter's grammar-school, Mr. Winchcombe being dead. —*fo.* 154.

Thomas Brickenden junior, M.A., nominated to the church, rectory or chapel of Allerton, on the death of Francis Cradock, by Mr. Brickenden, canon residentiary, to whom the right fell by lot.—*fo.* 154*d.*

1689, Dec. 4.—Joseph Shallett, M.A., a prebendary, nominated to the vicarage of St. Cuthbert's, Wells, by Dr. Busby, to whom the right fell by lot.—*fo.* 155.

1689, Dec. 9.—Eldridge Aris, M.A., nominated to the vicarage of Chedder, on the resignation of Mr. Shallett, by Dr. Creyghton, to whom the right fell by lot.—*fo.* 156.

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1689–90, Jan. 9.—Mr. William Wickham appointed gamekeeper for the dean and chapter within their manor and royalty of Winscombe, during pleasure.—*fo.* 158.

1689–90, Jan. 13.—John Pope, clerk, M.A., admitted a vicar-choral for a year of probation.—*fo.* 158*d.*

1689–90, Jan. 29.—Eldridge Aris, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe VIII, on the death of Francis Cradock, pursuant to mandate of William Hughes, LL.B., the commissary.—*fo.* 159.

1689–90, Feb. 1.—William Aris, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wedmore III, on the death of Henry Winchcombe, pursuant to mandate of William Hughes, LL.B., the commissary.—*fo.* 160.

1689–90, March 20.—Richard Busby, S.T.P., appointed proctor for convocation.—*fo.* 161.

Hugh Lambert nominated to the vicarage of Mudford, on the death of John Ball, by the dean.

1690, April 1.—Eldridge Aris, clerk, M.A., admitted a perpetual vicar-choral.—*fo.* 162.

1690, May 3.—Richard Healy, M.A., appointed clerk of the courts and auditor to the dean and chapter.—*fo.* 163.

1690, July 1.—Ordered that the stall of Henstridge shall be and is hereby given to Mr. John Pope, one of the priest-vicars, being now vacant by the going off of Mr. Robert Hodge, late vicar and organist.—*fo.* 164.

1690, July 2.—William Durston, M.A., prebendary of Scamford otherwise Shalford, not having appeared to answer a citation, is pronounced contumacious and ordered to be suspended.—*fo.* 164*d.*

Ordered that the bells of this cathedral church shall not be rung out for the future, unlesse upon solemne occasions, and every particular canon of this church is hereby forbidden to give any leave for the ringing of the said bells, unlesse upon those occasions. And the sacrist and other persons are likewise forbidden, upon paine of suspension from their offices, to go to any such particular canon to ask leave to ring at any other time.—*fo.* 165.

1690, July 3.—Mr. Brickenden collated to the canonical house, late Dr. Selleck's, deceased, situate in Mount-Roy Lane, he surrendering the canonical house, late Dr. Holt's, to which he was collated, April 4, 1689.—*fo.* 165*d.*

1689–1690.

Thomas Cheyney, prebendary of Litton, collated to the canonical house on the west of the Canon Barn, so surrendered by Mr. Brickenden.

1690, July 4.—Mr. Stocker, attorney, of Somerton, is to sue Mr. Edward Strode of Downside for the rent in arrear, and also for breach of covenant in not repairing the chancel of Long Sutton church.—*fo.* 166.

Thomas Cheyney is elected a canon residentiary, on the death of John Selleck, S.T.P.; he paid 100 marks caution money; he shall not receive any emolument, nor begin residence before Oct. 1, 1691. The 100 marks were divided, 10 marks to the fabric, 10 marks to the vicars-choral and 7*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* each to the canons.

1690, Sept. 24.—William Lister, M.A., nominated to the vicarage of Buckland Abbas, by Mr. Sandys.—*fo.* 168*d.*

Accounts of Richard Busby, S.T.P., Communar and Receiver-General, 1689–90.

Arrears since 1661, 935*l.* 5*s.* 11¼*d.*

Receipts: 10*l.* each from Dr. Creyghton, precentor, Mr. Sandys, archdeacon of Wells, Mr. Dutton and Dr. Levinz, sub-dean, towards the repair of the canonical houses ruined by the late strifes in the kingdom.

Payments: 2*s.* to the treasurer of the church, formerly spent in the obits (*in exequiis*) of Cicely, John and Alice de Bello Campo; 10*l.* to the Irish protestant exiles, according to the king's brief; 10*l.* to Mr. Elliot, the schoolmaster, for his stipend*; 16*l.* 10*s.* to the organist for his stipend; 34*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* to Gabriel Greene, the master of the choristers, for their use; 1*s.* for a church kalendar.

Accounts of Richard Busby, S.T.P., Keeper of the Fabric, 1689–90.

Receipts: 2*l.* from the chamberlain of the city of Bristol, for rent of assize of the house of St. Mark, Bristol, called "le Gaunts"; 2*l.* for herbage of the churchyard; 4*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* for burials, viz. a son of Michael Hunt, gent., Anne Aris, widow, and John Selleck, S.T.P., a canon residentiary.

Payments: Renatus Harris for his stipend in repairing the organ this year, 8*l.*; 67*l.* to workmen for repairs; 10*s.* to the dog-whipper.

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1690, Oct. 1.—The office of the steward to the deane and chapter of this cathedrall church being found to be very burthensome still to the particular canons, because of the

* Continues until 1698-9.

charge of the audit entertainments, notwithstanding all the care the deane and chapter have taken to retrench them: The said deane and canons . . . do hereby actually revoke and make void the act of chapter made October 6, 1684, touching the payment of 20*l.* yearly to their said steward; and they do further decree and enact that for the future the first as well as the second audit-refections shall be eaten in the audit-house of the said deane and chapter, and not elsewhere; the former to consist of a moderate entertainment for their tenants, and the latter for their accompts; and that Richard Healy, M.A., the clerk of their courts, shall be and is hereby required, ordered and authorized for the time to come to provide the said entertainments, for the space of 4 dayes in the first audit and three in the second, at his own charge, and to receive to his own use all the usuall fees and profits belonging to the steward and officiall of the said deane and chapter, and that the said deane and chapter be hereby wholly discharged from paying 20*l.* or any part thereof to the steward for his entertainments for the future . . .—*fo.* 171.

1690, Oct. 2.—Mr. Brickenden is appointed steward for two years and official of the dean and chapter during pleasure. —*fo.* 172.

1690, Oct. 24.—Ordered that Mr. George, one of the vicars-chorall, shall receive 30*s.* for playing upon the organ in the church to Michaelmas last, and 5*l.* quarterly from that time forward, so long as hee shall behave himselfe to the good liking of the deane and chapter, and no longer.—*fo.* 173*d.*

1690, Oct. 31.—William Clement, M.A., installed as archdeacon of Bath, on the death of John Selleck, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of John Sharpe, S.T.P., dean, and the chapter of Canterbury, the see of Bath and Wells being vacant. —*fo.* 174.

1690, Dec. 10.—Lease for 40 years to Bridget Andrews, widow, of the easternmost house in New-works, together with the porch called Pennylesse-Porch, etc.—*fo.* 175*d.*

1690, Dec. 23.—Andrew Paschall, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of St. Decuman, on the death of John Selleck, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the dean and chapter of Canterbury. —*fo.* 176.

1690–1, Jan. 5.—Office against John Martin, vicar-choral: That hee is often absent from prayers in the cathedral church, and that hee was so absent the first and second dayes of this chapter. He admitted the truth of the charge, and was admonished, *sub pena*, etc.—*fo.* 178*d.*

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Robert Kingford, M.A., nominated vicar of Dulverton, on the resignation of Mr. Lloyd, by Dr. Creyghton, to whom the right fell by lot.

1690–1, Jan. 14.—Office against Thomas Webb, vicar-choral: That hee did lately in the cathedral . . . carry himself very indecently to Dr. Creyghton, the president of the chapter. He apologised, and was ordered to come up again when called upon.—*fo.* 179*d.*

1690–1, Jan. 15.—Ordered that Mr. Thomas Randolph, rector of Shipham, shall be sued, at the chapter's charge, for not building a barne upon the said rectory, according to the statute, hee having received 20*li.* in money of Mr. John Reade, late rector there, for building the same.—*fo.* 180.

1690–1, Jan. 16.—Ordered that for the future it shall not be in the power of any single canon, tho' hee be president of the chapter, to excuse any turne to be preached in the cathedral church, but that all the dignitaries, canons and præbendaries shall be oblig'd to preach their respective turns . . . as they are yearly ordered in the kalendar, by themselves or some lawfull deputy to be allow'd of by the president of the chapter; and if any præbendary shall neglect his duty in the premises, hee shall be proceeded against for the forfeiture of 20*s.*, according to the usage of this cathedrall church.—*fo.* 180*d.*

1691, April 1.—Martin, one of the vicars-choral, has gone away without leave of the chapter; to be considered.—*fo.* 182.

1691, April 2.—Christopher Westerdale, B.A., presented to the vicarage of Long Sutton, on the nomination of Mr. Sandys. —*fo.* 183.

1691, April 8.—Ordered that Benjamin Page, a scholar of Balliol College, Oxford, shall have 10*s.* a quarter given him by the chapter till he is B.A.—*fo.* 184.

1691, July 8.—*Congé d'élire* (*signed*) Marie R., from the queen, to elect Richard Kidder, D.D., dean of Peterborough, to the bishopric of Bath and Wells, now void by the deprivation of Dr. Thomas Kenn, late bishop of the same, for and by reason of his not having taken the oathes prescribed by an act of parliament, passed in the first yeare of our reigne, entituled "an act for the abrogating of the oathes of supremacy and allegiance and appointing other oathes," within the time limited by the said act.—*fo.* 187.

1691, July 14.—Election of Dr. Kidder.—*fo.* 188.

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1691, Aug. 20.—Ordered that the Hon. Mrs. Catherine Poulet of this liberty shall sit in the gallery next over the bishop's seat in this cathedral, during the pleasure of the chapter, at the time of divine service.—*fo.* 189*d.*

1691, Sept. 10.—John Reade, M.A., installed in the prebend of Ashill (on the deprivation of Walter Hart, M.A., under the act for abrogating the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, etc.), pursuant to mandate of Richard, bishop of Bath and Wells. —*fo.* 190.

1691, Sept. 25.—Installation, induction and enthronization of bishop Kidder.—*fo.* 192.

1691, Sept. 29.—John Trenchard, M.A., installed in the prebend of Compton Bishop (on the deprivation of Samuel Thomas, M.A., as above), pursuant to mandate of the bishop. —*fo.* 194.

Accounts of Richard Healy, M.A., the Communar and Receiver-General, 1690–91.

Payments: 10*l.* to Thomas Elliot, the schoolmaster; 20*l.* to John George for tuning the organ; 4*l.* 19*s.* for books for the library.

Accounts of Richard Healy, M.A., Keeper of the Fabric, 1690–91.

Receipts: 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for burials, viz. Mr. John Noble, Margaret Walter, Damaris Oker and Widow Towse.

Payments: 81*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* for work and labour; 8*l.* to Renatus Harris for his stipend for repairing the organ.

Keeper of the Fabric's Cash Book, 1690-91.

Receipts: 4*d.* legacy from Robert Courtney of Hantspill; 16*s.* 8*d.* each for the burials of Mr. John Noble, Margaret Walter, Damaris Oker and Widow Towse.

Payments: 3*s.* 6*d.* for repairing the organ bellows; 3*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* for 12 chairs for the audit-house; 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* to Anthony Walkley for music books; 27*l.* for three tons of lead; 17*l.* for 2,000 feet of planking; 8*l.* to Renatus Harris, his stipend for repairing the organ.

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1691–2, Jan. 12.—Ordered that Mr. Eldridge Aris, vicar of Chedder, being the peculiar jurisdiction of the dean and chapter, shall have leave to live off from Chedder and at Wells, for his health's sake, during the chapter's pleasure,—provided that he take care to serve the cure there, as the canons do require. —*fo.* 201.

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1692, July 29.—John Wells, clerk, installed in the prebend of Combe XIV, on the death of Richard West, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 206.

1692, Aug. 1.—Mr. Thomas Cheyney, M.A., canon residentiary, appointed steward for two years, and also official. —*fo.* 207.

1692, Aug. 11.—Thomas Lessey, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe III, on the death of Robert Paul, pursuant to mandate of the bishop,—*fo.* 208.

Richard Codrington, M.A., installed in the prebend of Milverton II, on the death of Thomas Horsey, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 208*d.*

1692, Aug. 27.—Rules made for the residence of the canons and the attendance of the vicars.—*fo.* 211.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., the Communar and Receiver-General, 1691–92.

Receipts: Mr. Brickenden, canon residentiary, 10*l.* towards the repair of the canonical houses, etc.; 30*l.* from John Prickman for the profit of lead, calamint stone [*lapidis calaminar'*] and other minerals within the manor of Winscombe.

Payments: 20*l.* to Mr. George for tuning the organ; 2*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.* for books for the library.

Cash Book of Richard Healy, LL.D., Keeper of the Fabric, 1691–92.

Receipts: 50*l.* from Dr. John Selleck, late archdeacon of Bath; 3*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* for burials, viz. John Penny 16*s.* 8*d.*, one of the children of John Prickman, gent., 16*s.* 8*d.*, Mrs. Joan Selleck 1*l.* 10*s.*

Payments: 56*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* to Thomas Starre, the plumber, for roofing the chapter house with lead; 13*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* to the carpenters for the same, 8*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* for nails and 33*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* for timber; 8*l.* to Renatus Harris, as before.

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1692, Oct. 8.—Henry Margets, M.A., installed in the prebend of Eastharptry, on the death of Anthony Prowse, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 216.

1692, Dec. 6.—Lease to Robert Warmall, for 40 years, of two tenements, with the houses, shops, etc., and the tower commonly called Brown's Gate, in Sadlers Street, abutting on land of the bishop on the north and lands of the dean and chapter on the south; formerly in the tenure of James Clutterbooke and lately of John Edmonds, deceased.—[Ledger, 1681–1701, *p.* 146.]

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1692, Dec. 6.—Lease to Robert Warmall, for 40 years, of a tenement or house or part of a building whereupon there is now a new house built, and of a plot of ground thereto adjoining, lying upon the church camery of the west side, next unto the canonical house wherein Dr. Wood lately dwelt, which plot of ground extends in length north and south from the said old house or new building wholly unto the south (*sic*) door next unto the chapel on the north (*sic*) side of the quire of the cathedral, and in breadth east and west within the distance of two foot of the wall of the canonical house late Dr. Wood's, unto the Treasure House wall, viz. unto the corner of the Treasure House next unto the said erected house, and extends no further than the corner of the east end of the Casting House, and unto the wall adjoining unto the Treasure House on the south side. Lessee to do suit of court at Canon Barne twice a year.—[Ledger, 1681–1701, *p.* 148.]

1693, April 24.—Henry Margets, M.A., installed in the prebend of Haselbere, on the death of Dr. [Baptist] Levinz, bishop of Sodor, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 220.

John Taylor installed in the prebend of Eastharptry, on the resignation of Henry Margets, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 221.

1693, Aug. 19.—Meshack Smith, M.A., installed in the prebend of White-Lackington, on the death of Henry Dutton, S.T.B., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 224*d.*

1693, Sept. 16.—Andrew Paschall, S.T.B., chancellor of the cathedral and prebendary of St. Decuman, admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100*l.* caution money; he shall not have any benefit nor enter into residence before Oct. 1, 1694.—*fo.* 225*d.*

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Receiver-General and Communar, 1692–93.

Payments: 20*l.* to Mr. George for tuning the organ; 6*l.* 19*s.* to divers persons about the taking of William Hodges, an infamous robber, within the liberty, and his conviction.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Keeper of the Fabric, 1692–93.

Payments: 49*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.* for work and labour; 8*l.* to Renatus Harris, as before.

Keeper of the Fabric's Cash Book, 1692–93.

Receipts: 4*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* for burials, viz. Samuel Clarke, 5*s.* 4*d.*; Dame Margaret Bampfield, widow, 1*l.* 10*s.*; James son of Anne Penny, widow, 16*s.* 8*d.*; Robert Blanchard, gent., 1*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* and 10*s.* for his stone.

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Payments: 22*l.* to Richard Broadway, glazier and vicar-choral, for repairing windows of the church; 4*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* for repairing church furniture; 15*s.* to George Weller for mending the chimes.

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1693, Dec. 11.—John Chester, M.A., presented to the vicarage of North Curry, on the death of Lewis Parris.—*fo.* 230*d.*

1694, July 4.—Francis Prowd, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe V, on the death of John Harvey, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 235*d.*

William Keate installed in the prebend of Wedmore III, on the death of William Aris, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 236.

1694, July 24.—John Wells installed in the prebend of Wiveliscombe, on the death of James Asten, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 236*d.*

1694, Aug. 1.—Andrew Paschall, S.T.B., appointed steward for two years.—*fo.* 237*d.*

Richard Healy, LL.D., appointed official of the chapter within their peculiar jurisdictions.

1694, Aug. 11.—Ralph Barker, S.T.P., installed in the prebend of Combe XIV, on the resignation of John Wells, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 238.

1694, Sept. 29.—Anthony Horneck, S.T.P., installed in the prebend of Compton Bishop, on the death of John Trenchard, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 239*d.*

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Communar and Receiver-General, 1693–94.

Receipts: 10*l.* from Mr. Cheyney, canon resident, for the repair of canonical houses, as before.

Payments: 20*l.* to Mr. George for tuning the organ; 2*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* for a book of common prayer and carriage.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Keeper of the Fabric, 1693–94.

Receipts: 30*l.* legacy from Henry Dutton, S.T.B., deceased, late canon residentiary, spent this year in marble quarries for [the pavement of] the high altar of the cathedral church [*in quadrato marmore altaris magni ecclesiæ cathedralis hoc anno*]; given by Mr. William Edwards of Westhatch for the use of the fabric *una guinica*, 1*l.* 2*s.*; 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for burials, viz. John Prickman, gent., Elizabeth Coward, widow, Samuel Clarke's wife,

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the Hon. Catherine Poulet, widow, and for the use of the great bell on the death of Dame Bushell; 250*l.* 8*s.* for work and labour, especially in roofing with new rafters and lead the greatest part of the choir, and the great altar in the choir *quadrato marmore instaurando*; 8*l.* to Renatus Harris for his stipend for repairing the organ this year, during the pleasure of the dean and chapter only.

KEEPER of the FABRIC'S CASH BOOK, 1693–94.

Payments: 54*l.* 15*s.* to Michael Cuffe for 6 tons of new lead for the roof of the choir; 12*l.* for boards for the same; 54*l.* 10*s.* to the plumber for the same; 9*s.* to George Weller for mending the chimes.

1694–1695.

1694, Oct. 1.—Ordered that for the future no person whatsoever, not being qualified nor having right thereunto by law, shall be admitted to settle in or become an inhabitant of this liberty, and every particular member of the chapter is hereby forbidden to give any such leave to any person likely to become chargeable, upon any pretence whatsoever.—*fo.* 242.

For the future no vicar-choral shall be admitted in this church without giving first security that neither he nor his shall at any time after such his admission become chargeable to the liberty; and every private canon is hereby forbidden to admit any vicar hereafter, without first taking such caution.

1694–5, March 19.—John Davis, M.A., appointed vicar of Pucklechurch, on the death of Henry Dutton.—*fo.* 245*d.*

1695, April 11.—Ralph Barker, S.T.P., installed as treasurer of the cathedral, on the death of Richard Busby, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 246*d.*

1695, April 15.—Canon Thomas Cheney collated to the canonical house on the east side of the Canon Barne, late in the possession of Richard Busby, S.T.P.; and of Thomas Lessy to that late in the possession of Mr. Cheney.—*fo.* 247*d.*

Thomas Lessey elected a canon residentiary; he paid 100 marks caution money.—*fo.* 248.

1695, July 5.—Thomas Randolph, LL.B., installed in the prebend of Combe VI, on the death of Henry Dutton, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 250*d.*

1695, July 25.—Marshall Bridges, M.A., installed in the prebend of Cudworth and Knowle, on the death of Richard Busby, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 251.

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ACCOUNTS of RICHARD HEALY, LL.D., COMMUNAR and RECEIVER-GENERAL, 1694–95.

Payments: 20*l.* to Mr. George, as before; 3*l.* 3*s.* to Mr. Rogers, vicar-choral, for writing *servitia musica* in music books for the use of the church.

COMMUNAR'S CASH BOOK, 1694–95.

Payments: 2*s.* to 5 poor men took prisoners at Brest; 6*s.* 8*d.* for Mr. Heber's cheese, above the 30*s.* allowed; 1*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* for the cheese to Mr. Holloway and carriage; 1*s.* 6*d.* to a man and 3 children "fir'd out"; 3*s.* 6*d.* for a pair of gold weights; 15*s.* to Thomas Fry for cutting a seal of office for the dean and chapter; 1*s.* to Dr. Creyghton's maid at cleansing the seal; 10*s.* to Mr. Mills for settling the library books; 6*l.* 10*s.* to Mons^{r} Gendrault for Mr. Guybert, one year at 2*s.* 6*d.* a week; 3*l.* 3*s.* to Mr. Rogers for pricking services.

ACCOUNTS of RICHARD HEALY, LL.D., KEEPER of the FABRIC, 1694–95.

Receipts: 3*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* for burials, viz. Sarah Hughes, Rachel wife of John Day, gent., and Anne dau. of James Oglethorp, gent.

Payments: 113*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* for wages and labour, especially on the west part of the choir for new roofing; 8*l.* to Renatus Harris, as before.

KEEPER of the FABRIC'S CASH BOOK, 1694–95.

Payments: 17*l.* 10*s.* for 2 tons 54*lbs.* of lead; 26*l.* 14*s.* for timber and boards; 20*l.* on account to Thomas Starre for work at the fabric, July 4, and 16*l.* 15*s.* to him in full of his bill for leading the choir, Oct. 22.

1695–1696.

1695, Oct. 2.—Ordered that the original charter granted by queen Elizabeth to this church shall be delivered to Mr. John Davis or Mr. Philip Hodges, if there shall be occasion to make use of it in the church's defence.—*fo.* 254*d.*

1695, Nov. 8.—James Taylor, M.A., installed in the prebend of Warmister *alias* Luxfeild, on the deprivation of Robert Harsnet, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 255*d.*

1695, Nov. 12.—Mr. Thomas Lessey chosen proctor for the dean and chapter at the synod on Nov. 22 next.—*fo.* 256*d.*

1695, Nov. 23.—William Hodges, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wedmore IV, on the deprivation of William Cuff, M.A.—*fo.* 257.

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1696, May 25.—John Sowthey appointed registrar and clerk of the acts for the archdeaconry of Taunton.—*fo.* 260*d.*

ACCOUNTS of RICHARD HEALY, LL.D., COMMUNAR and RECEIVER-GENERAL, 1695–96.

Payments: 20*l.* to Mr. George, as before; 7*l.* for building Newport Bridge, *de novo lapide arcuato*; 7*l.* 13*s.* to Mr. Webb, the master of the choristers, towards the repair of the choristers' house.

COMMUNAR'S CASH BOOK, 1695–96.

Payments: 9*s.* "paid Dr. Creyghton's share for carriage of the usquebagh and custome"; 5*s.* for window tax for Dr. Creyghton; 10*s.* for redemption of poor men of Chester from slavery; 2*l.* to Mr. John Pope for preaching the thanksgiving, April 16, and the fast, June 26.

ACCOUNTS of RICHARD HEALY, LL.D., KEEPER of the FABRIC, 1695–96.

Receipts: 2*l.* for burials, viz. Thomas son of Guy Clynton and for his gravestone.

Payments: 28*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* for labour; 8*l.* to Renatus Harris, as before.

1696–1697.

1696, Oct. 1.—Ordered, according to the tenor of an act of chapter made Ocober 20, 1679, that the custody of the library be committed to Henry Mills, B.A., during pleasure, at a stipend of 40*s.* yearly.—*fo.* 264.

1696, Oct. 21.—Jonah Warley, M.A., installed in the prebend of Cudworth and Knowle, on the resignation of Marshall Bridge[s], M.A., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 265.

1696, Nov. 18.—Thomas Fletcher, M.A., installed in the prebend of Barton David, on the death of the last incumbent, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 265*d.*

1696, Nov. 21.—Robert Edgar, B.A., nominated to the vicarage of Stogumber.—*fo.* 266.

1696, Nov. 23.—Marshall Bridges, M.A., installed in the prebend of St. Decumans, and as chancellor of the cathedral, on the death of Andrew Paschall.—*fo.* 266*d.*

1696–7, Jan. 8.—William Clement, M.A., archdeacon of Bath and prebendary of Ilton, admitted a canon residentiary on the death of Andrew Paschall, S.T.B.; he paid 100 marks caution money. He shall not receive any benefit nor begin residence before Oct. 1, 1697.—*fo.* 268.

1696–1697.

1696–7, Feb. 15.—Thomas Elleott, B.A., installed in the prebend of Combe XII, on the death of James Farwell, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 269*d.*

1696–7, March 22.—Samuel Hieron, M.A., installed in the prebend of Hazelbeere, on the resignation of Henry Margets, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 270.

Henry Margets, M.A., installed in the prebend of Compton Bishop, on the death of Dr. [Anthony] Horneck, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 270*d.*

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Communar and Receiver-General, 1696–97.

Payments: 20*l.* to Mr. George, as before; 2*l.* to Mr. Mills, the librarian; 2*l.* to Mr. Pope for two sermons on April 28 and Dec. 2, 1697; 1*l.* 12*s.* to Mr. Rogers, vicar, for writing *servitia musica.*

Communar's Cash Book, 1696–97.

Payments: 1*l.* 12*s.* to Mr. Thomas Cowper for a cheese to Mr. Coggs and carriage; 2*s.* to a minister's son, slave in Sally; 2*s.* 6*d.* to the morris dancers, Dec. 2.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Keeper of the Fabric, 1696–97.

Receipts: 1*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* for burials, viz. John son of Eldridge Aris, a prebendary.

Payments: 111*l.* 18*s.* to workmen; 8*l.* to Renatus Harris, as before.

Keeper of the Fabric's Cash Book, 1696–97.

Payments: 9*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for timber; 4*l.* for boards; 27*l.* 9*s.* for plumbing; 3*l.* 2*s.* to James Thomas for the windows in the "rotten tower."

1697–1698.

1697, Nov. 30.—Ezra Pierce, B.A., appointed to the vicarage of North-Curry, on the death of Mr. John Chester, M.A.—*fo.* 275.

1698, April 1.—Henry Layng, M.A., installed as sub-dean, on the death of Dr. Levinz, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 276.

Ralph Barker, S.T.B., the treasurer, admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100*l.* caution money; he shall not begin residence nor have any commodity before October 1 next.—*fo.* 277.

1698, May 6.—Charles Jones, LL.B., installed in the prebend of Holecombe, on the death of Dr. William Levinze, M.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 278*d.*

1697–1698.

1698, Aug. 16.—Canon Thomas Lessey chosen as proctor of the dean and chapter at the synod summoned for Aug. 26. —*fo.* 280.

ACCOUNTS of RICHARD HEALY, LL.D., COMMUNAR and RECEIVER-GENERAL, 1697–98.

Receipts : 1*l.* 8*s.* from divers tenants of messuages adjoining the churchyard for the rents of doors into the churchyard, lately opened by permission of the dean and chapter.

Payments : 20*l.* to Mr. George, as before ; 2*l.* to Mr. Mills, the librarian ; 2*l.* 7*s.* for 6 books of common prayer ; 9*l.* 9*s.* for repair of Athelney Bridge, etc.

COMMUNAR'S CASH BOOK, 1697–98.

Payments : 5*s.* to Serjeant Midleham for the singers' scaffold in St. Cuthbert's Church, Aug. 25 ; 10*l.* to Mr. Taylor, vicar of Winscombe, towards his house.

ACCOUNTS of RICHARD HEALY, KEEPER of the FABRIC, 1697–98.

Receipts : 4*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* for burials, no names.

Payments : 46*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* to workmen ; 8*l.* to Renatus Harris, as before.

1698–1699.

1698, Dec. 30.—John Pope, M.A., installed in the prebend of Timberscombe, on the death of James Donch, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 282*d.*

1699, April 22.—Edmund Archer, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe IX, on the death of Dr. [Christopher] Coward, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 285.

1699, July 1.—10*l.* to be paid by Dr. Healy, the communar, as the chapter's contribution towards the Rev. Dr. Hicks his book of the *Septentrionale Grammars.**—*fo.* 285*d.*

1699, Sept. 28.—Thomas Elliot, B.A., the schoolmaster of the grammar school of the dean and chapter, resigned ; the chancellor of the cathedral, Marshall Bridges, nominated Henry Mills, M.A.—*fo.* 286*d.*

ACCOUNTS of RICHARD HEALY, LL.D., COMMUNAR and RECEIVER-GENERAL, 1698–99.

Payments : 20*l.* to Mr. George, as before ; 7*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* for Bibles for the use of the choir and carriage of them from Oxford ; 1*l.* to Mr. Pope for a solemn sermon on April 5, 1699 ;

* Probably George Hickes' *Linguarum veterum septentionalium thesaurus grammatico-criticus et archæologicus*, published in 1703.

1698–1699.

10*l.* to Rev. Dr. Hickes for subscription *cap. Grammaticæ Septentrional';* 3*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* for music books and paper; 8*s.* for candlesticks for the use of the school.

Communar's Cash Book, 1698–99.

Payments: 1*s.* to Goody Gilbert for cleaning the library and muniment house; 2*s.* to Henry Chappell for mending the old chapter book; 12*s.* 6*d.* "to the grammar schoole boyes who declamed," March 30; 8*l.* to Mr. Williams for the brief to the Vaudois, May 4; 5*s.* to a poor man, "sea-flow about Boston"; 7*l.* 2*s.* for the Bibles which Mr. Deane sent for the use of the quire and 3*s.* 6*d.* for carriage from Oxford; 10*l.* to Mr. Warnford, the chapter's contribution to Mr. Hickes's book, to be paid to Mr. Samuel Keeble.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Keeper of the Fabric, 1698–99.

Receipts: 14*s.* for burials this year, no names.
Payments: 80*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* to workmen.

Keeper of the Fabric's Cash Book, 1698–99.

Payments: 5*l.* 17*s.* to the Long Sutton men for righting the bells, Dec. 31; 2*l.* to George Weller for mending the chimes; 4*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* for the new seats in the church before the dean's and chanter's stalls; 4*l.* 14*s.* for the new presses at the audit-house and muniment-house; 18*l.* to Giles Frost for tuning the organ and mending the bellows.

1699–1700.

1699, Oct. 4.—Nathaniel Markewick, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Easton in Gordano, on the death of William Birstall, S.T.B., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 289*d.*

1700, July 5.—Process against Mary Rogers, wife of George Rogers, one of the vicars-choral, that she, being married, by a licence of the dean and chapter, about the latter end of October or the beginning of November last, had been delivered of a child about the end of February or the beginning of March. She appeared and admitted the facts, but said that she was married to the said Rogers upwards of two years ago by Mr. Benoni Hill, late minister of Berrow, Somerset, deceased, in the parish church of Berrow, but without banns or license; they had no certificate of the marriage, and no one else was present; they concealed the same for some particular reasons known to themselves, and were afterwards married again in the cathedral.—*fo.* 292*d.*

1700, July 22.—Marshall Bridges, M.A., the chancellor of the cathedral, elected a canon residentiary, on the death of

1699–1700.

Thomas Brickenden ; he paid 100*l.* caution money ; he shall not begin his residence or have any commodity before October 1, 1701.—*fo.* 294.

1700, July 25.—Richard Codrington, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wormester, on the death of Thomas Brickenden, S.T.B., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 295.

1700, Aug. 23.—Ordered that Mr. Eldridge Aris and Mr. Nathaniel Browne, clerks, two of the priest-vicars, "who have for some time bin absent and neglected the service in the quire of the said cathedrall church, be immediately called to residence, etc., to attend and doe theire severall duties in the quire . . . , as by the laws and statutes of the said church they are obliged and required, *sub pena*, etc."—*fo.* 296.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Communar and Receiver-General, 1699–1700.

Receipts : 50*l.* from the executors of Dr. Levinz, late sub-dean.

Payments : 10*l.* to Mr. Mills, the schoolmaster* ; 20*l.* to Mr. George, as before ; 2*l.* to Mr. Mills, the librarian* ; 9*l.* 19*s.* to Mr. George Rogers, vicar-choral, for writing *servitia musica* in music books ; 1*l.* to Mr. Pope for a sermon on Dec. 1, 1700 [*sic, ?* 1699].

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Keeper of the Fabric, 1699–1700.

Receipts : 1*l.* 10*s.* for burials, no names.

Payments : 44*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.* to workmen.

1700–1701.

1700, Nov. 4.—Mr. John Irish of Wells, mercer, and his partners have leave to dig for lead ore or calamint within the manor of Winscombe.—*fo.* 298.

1700, Nov. 22.—Henry Layng, M.A., sub-dean, installed in the prebend of Milverton II, on the resignation of Richard Codrington, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 298*d.*

1700, Dec. 28.—Robert Kingford, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe XV, on the death of Nathaniel Selleck, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 299.

1700–1, Jan. 10.—Mr. Thomas Lessey, canon residentiary, collated to the canonical house late in possession of Canon Thomas Brickenden, deceased, situate on the south side of Dr. Morris's house lately built by him ; he resigned the canonical house late in the possession of Canon Thomas Cheyney.

* These items continue until 1711-12.

1700–1701.

William Clement, canon, collated to the last-mentioned house, situated on the west of "le Canon Barne."—*fo.* 300.

1700–1, Jan. 31.—Canon Thomas Lessey chosen proctor of the dean and chapter at the synod summoned for Feb. 6. —*fo.* 300*d.*

1700–1, March 14.—John Whitehand, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe XV, on the death of Robert Kingford, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 301*d.*

1701, April 14.—

William R.

To our trusty and welbeloved the deane and chapter of our cathedrall church of Wells.

Trusty and welbeloved, wee greet you well. Whereas it has bin represented unto us that our trusty and welbeloved Thomas Cheney [*sic*], one of the canons residentiaryes of that our cathedrall church of Wells, is lately made master of the schoole in our college neare Winchester, which necessarily requires his constant presence there, and humble suit haveing bin therefore made unto us that wee would please to excuse his attendance as a residentiary in our said cathedrall church, wee are graciously pleased to condescend thereunto, and have thought fit hereby to signifie unto you that (according to the power and authority reserved unto us in your statutes) we have and doe hereby excuse and exempt the said Thomas Cheyney from all personall residence and attendance as a residentiary of our said church, and from your chapters, and undergoing any office there, during his attendance upon the said schoole; whereof wee have thought fit hereby to give you notice that due obedience be pay'd to our pleasure herein accordingly. And soe wee bid you farewell. Given at our court at Hampton Court, the 9th day of December, 1700, in the twelfth yeare of our reigne.

By his majesty's commands,

C. Hedges.

—*fo.* 304.

1701, July 11.—A lease of the tenement or house at the upper part of the High Street or the Market Place in Wells, next to the porch called Penny Less Porch, granted to Thomas Cannington, notary public, for 40 years.—*fo.* 305.

1701, Sept. 1.—John Pope, M.A., presented to the vicarage of Dulverton, on the death of Robert Kingford; nominated by Mr. Cheyney.—*fo.* 305*d.*

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Communar and Receiver-General, 1700–01.

Payments: 10*l.* to Mr. Mills, the schoolmaster; 20*l.* to Mr. George, as before; 2*l.* to Mr. Mills, the librarian; 1*l.* to

1700–1701.

Mr. Pope for a sermon on the fast day, April 4, 1701; 60*l.* for repair of the house in the liberty late in the tenure of William Coward, esq.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Keeper of the Fabric, 1700–01.

Receipts: 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for burials, viz. John Davis, gent., 30*s.*, Edward son of William Hughes, esq., 30*s.*, Sarah wife of William Westley, esq., 16*s.* 8*d.*, and Thomas Crosse, gent., 30*s.*

Payments: 33*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.* to workmen; 10*s.* 8*d.* to George Weller for repairs to the clock.

1701–1702.

1701, Dec. 23.—Thomas Lessey, canon residentiary, chosen proctor for the dean and chapter at the synod summoned for Dec. 30.—*fo.* 308*d.*

1702, June 5.—Henry Mills, M.A., installed in the prebend of Dinder, on the death of Joshua Lasher, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 313.

1702, Aug. 14.—Thomas Lessey, canon residentiary, chosen proctor for the dean and chapter at the synod summoned for Aug. 20.—*fo.* 315.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Communar and Receiver-General, 1701–02.

Receipts: 20*l.* given by Mr. Brickenden, late canon residentiary, deceased.

Payments: 10*l.* to Mr. Mills, the schoolmaster; 20*l.* to Mr. George, as before; 2*l.* to Mr. Mills, the librarian; 1*l.* to Mr. Pope for a solemn sermon in the choir, Dec. 29, 1701; 1*l.* to Mr. Shallet for another, June 10, 1702; 14*s.* for 2 books of common prayer; 1*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* *pro 4 les anthems*; 1*l.* to Mr. Pope for a sermon in the choir, Dec. 3, 1702.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Keeper of the Fabric, 1701–02.

Receipts: 1*l.* 10*s.* for burial of John son of Peter Paris, esq.

Payments: 26*l.* 13*s.* for the repair and extension of the audit-house; 4*l.* 3*s.* for repair of the gallery in the choir.

1702–1703.

1702–3, March 15.—William Crofts installed in the prebend of Wedmore IV, on the death of William Hodges, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 320.

1703, May 22.—William Capell, M.A., presented to the vicarage of Stogumber, on the death of Robert Edgar; nominated by Dr. Bathurst, the dean.—*fo.* 321*d.*

1702–1703.

1703, Aug. 11.—John Meare, S.T.P., principal of the royal hall and college of Brazen Nose, Oxford, installed in the prebend of Compton Dundon, on the resignation of Knightley Chetwood, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 323.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Communar and Receiver-General, 1702–03.

Payments: 10*l.* to Mr. Mills, the schoolmaster; 20*l.* to Mr. George, as before; 2*l.* to Mr. Mills, the librarian; 11*s.* 9*d.* to Mr. Brydges, *pro novo le anthem*; 1*l.* to the bishop for a solemn sermon on the fast day, May 26, 1703, given by him to the poor.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Keeper of the Fabric, 1702–03.

Receipts: 5*l.* for trees felled and uprooted in the churchyard; 4*l.* 10*s.* for burials, viz. Fideswide dau. of John Pope, prebendary, 30*s.*; Mr. Green, goldsmith, 13*s.* 4*d.*; Martha wife of Philip Hodges, gent., 30*s.*; and — dau. of Francis Day, gent., 16*s.* 8*d.*

Payments: 2*l.* 16*s.* to William Tyler for repairs to the organ; 9*l.* 10*s.* for 1 ton of lead; 28*l.* 18*s.* for releading the roof of the north west part of the north aisle, near the choir [*sic*].

1703–1704.

1703–4, Jan. 19.—Read the *congé d'élire* for a new bishop, on the death of Dr. Richard Kidder, viz. Dr. George Hooper, bishop of St. Asaph.—*fo.* 326*d.*

1703–4, Jan. 25.—Election of Dr. Hooper.—*fo.* 328.

1704, April 3.—Inthronement of Dr. Hooper.—*fo.* 332.

1704, April 5.—John Pope, M.A., presented to the vicarage of St. Cuthbert's, Wells, on the death of Joseph Shallet, M.A.; nominated by Dr. Barker.—*fo.* 334*d.*

Ordered that the communar pay 10*l.* to the brief for the relief of the poor distressed protestants of the principality of Orange.—*fo.* 335.

The master of the fabric is to buy 2 tons of lead for necessary repairs to the church, etc.; St. Katherine's chapel to be repaired this summer.

1704, May 15.—William Hill, M.A., presented to the vicarage of Dulverton on the resignation of John Pope; nominated by Dr. Cheyney.

1704, July 28.—William Grahme, S.T.P., installed as dean, on the death of Dr. Ralph Bathurst, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 336.

1703–1704.

William Bramston, M.A., installed in the prebend of Cudworth, on the resignation of Jonah Warley, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 336*d.*

1704, July 29.—William Grahme, S.T.P., dean, admitted a canon residentiary; he promised to pay 100*l.* caution money; he is not to have any benefit or to begin residence before Oct. 1, 1705.—*fo.* 339.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Communar and Receiver-General, 1703–04.

Receipts: 3*l.* 8*s.* for a heriot due in the manor of North Curry for 40 years, *plus minus*, after the death of Robert Gale, and lately received; 2*s.* rent of the house of William Bretton, now called the Fountain, formerly the Decoy-poole, in the liberty.

Payments: 10*l.* to Mr. Mills, the schoolmaster; 20*l.* to Mr. George, as before; 2*l.* to Mr. Mills, the librarian; 2*l.* to Dr. Creyghton for sermons on Jan. 19 and March 8, 1703[–4]; 1*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* to Mr. Brydges for anthems.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Keeper of the Fabric, 1703–04.

Receipts: 2*l.* for burials, viz. Bishop Kidder and his wife, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Mr. John Davidge, 16*s.* 8*d.*; and John Day, gent., 16*s.* 8*d.*

Payments: 2*l.* 8*s.* for repairing and erecting seats in the choir; 2*l.* 1*s.* for scaffolds for repairing the great west window; 10*l.* to Thomas Fry, painter, for repairing the painting [*picturam*] of the said west window; 7*l.* 12*s.* for repairing the leads of St. Catherine's chapel; 5*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* for glazing in the west window; 18*l.* 10*s.* for 3 tons of lead.

1704–1705.

1704, Oct. 28.—John Davis, S.T.P., installed in the prebend of Combe VII, on the death of Joseph Shallett, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 342.

1704, Nov. 10.—John Jenkins, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe XII, on the death of Thomas Elliott, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 342*d.*

1704–5, March 9.—Henry Berrow, B.A., presented to the vicarage of Pucklechurch with the chapels of Westerleigh and Abston; nominated by Dr. Barker.—*fo.* 345*d.*

1704–5, March 17.—Sealed a lease of the rectory or parsonage of St. Cuthbert's, Wells, to Matthew Hale of Alderley, co. Gloucester, and Clayton Milborne of Bristol, esquires, for the lives of Gabriel Hale, esq., and Amice his wife and Ned-Biss [*sic*] Hale their son. [End of volume.]—*fo.* 346.

1704–1705.

1704–5, March 17.—Lease to Matthew Hale of Alderly, co. Glouc., esq., and Clayton Milborne of Bristol, esq., for several lives, of the rectory and parsonage of the parish and parish church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, and the barn, commonly called Canon Barn, adjoining, and all tithes and other profits of the rectory; reserving all courts, perquisites, fines, heriots, reliefs, escheats, marriages, etc., and the prison and the house used for the same, and the pound adjoining the barn, and the right to use the barn for the keeping of courts, as heretofore used and accustomed; and also reserving the advowson of the vicarage.—[Ledger, 1701–1739, *fo.* 27*d.*]

1704–5, March 17.—Lease to Jane White of Wells, widow, for 40 years, of the messuage or tenement and mansion house within the liberty, abutting on the house and garden of the late college called Mountroy College, now in the possession of Ann Evans, widow, or her tenants, on the east, and the canonical house and garden, now in the tenure of Thomas Cheney, D.D., on the west, and on a close in the tenure of Harry Bridges, esq., on the north; rent 19*s.* and 12*d.* for a chief rent to the bailiff of Canon Barn.—[Ledger, 1701–1739, *fo.* 25*d.*]

1705, April 17.—John Robinson, M.A., installed in the prebend of Compton Bishop's, on the death of Henry Margetts, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.*—*fo.* 4.

1705, June 7.—Thomas Lessey chosen proctor for the dean and chapter at the synod summoned for June 14.—*fo.* 5.

1705, June 23.—Thomas Iliffe, S.T.P., installed in the prebend of Combe X, on the death of Paul Clement, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 5*d.*

1705, Sept. 8.—Montague Wood, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe I, on the death of Hamnet Ward, M.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 7.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Communar and Receiver-General, 1704–05.

Receipts: 50*l.* legacy from Dr. Bathurst, the late dean.

Payments: 10*l.* to Mr. Mills, the schoolmaster; 20*l.* to Mr. George, as before; 2*l.* to Mr. Mills, the librarian; 2*l.* to Mr. Pope for two sermons, March 8 and April 4, this year; 1*l.* to Mr. Mills for a eucharist sermon, Aug. 23; 1*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* for Mr. Brydges for 2 anthems; 1*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.* to Mr. Gravill for writing services in the music books; 13*l.* for 6½ tons of oak timber for repairing Athelney Bridge near North Curry.

* Act Book 1705–1725 begins here.

1704–1705.

ACCOUNTS of RICHARD HEALY, LL.D., KEEPER of the FABRIC, 1704–05.

Receipts : 5*l.* 10*s.* for burials, viz. an infant of Peter Davis, esq., 30*s.* ; for the great bell on the death of Catherine Rodney, virgin, 3*s.* 4*d.* ; an infant of Robert Kingston, gent., 16*s.* 8*d.* ; Thomas Canington, gent., 16*s.* 8*d.* ; and Elizabeth, widow of Robert Smith, M.D., 43*s.* 4*d.*

Payments : 53*l.* 11*s.* to the plumber and 16*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* for planks for re-roofing the whole of the north aisle with new lead and rafters ; 6*l.* 12*s.* to William Tyler for repairing the organ ; 5*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* for repairing books in the library.

1705–1706.

1705, Oct. 2.—Ordered that 10*l.* be given to the Scotch clergy, towards their sufferings and losses, also 4*l.* to Mr. Wesley.—*fo.* 8*d.*

1705, Oct. 12.—Samuel Hill, clerk, installed in the prebend of Huish and Brent and the archdeaconry of Wells, on the death of Edwin Sandys, M.A., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 10.

1705, Oct. 13.—Ordered that the names of the dean, dignities and prebends be superscribed on the respective heads of the several stalls in the chapter house, as they are now in the quire of the cathedral church.—*fo.* 11*d.*

Mr. Hill, archdeacon of Wells, appeared before the chapter and said that while he believed that as archdeacon, being otherwise qualified by prebend and canonical house, he had a right to the canonry vacant by the death of Mr. Sandys, his predecessor, yet to preserve the peace of the chapter and as a concession to the Rev. Mr. Sub-dean Layng, for whom he had great veneration for his great merits, he waived his claim to the canonry *pro hac vice.*

1705, Nov. 29.—John Whitehand, clerk, M.A., installed in the prebend of Buckland Dinham, on the resignation of Samuel Hill, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 12*d.*

Edward Wooten, B.A., installed in the prebend of Combe XV, on the resignation of John Whitehand, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 13.

1705–6, March 14.—Henry Layng, M.A., sub-dean, and prebend of Milverton II, elected and admitted a canon residentiary, on the death of Edwin Sandys ; he paid 100 marks caution money ; he is not to begin residence before Oct. 1 next nor receive any profits as a canon resident, except quotidians.—*fo.* 15.

1705–6, March 14.—Lease to Guydo Clinton of Wells, gent., for 40 years, of all the camery situate in the south part of

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the cathedral church, with the stable built thereon, late in the tenure of William Coward, serjeant at law, reserving right of entry for repairs to the cathedral, and for the tenants of the twelve houses in New-works to view and repair the pipes and watercourses leading to the said twelve houses.—[Ledger, 1701–1739, *fo.* 37.]

1705–6, March 15.—It was declared that the archdeacon of Wells has no preferential claim, there is no foundation for such a pretence ; by the capitular constitutions of this church no one dignitary is preferable to another in an election to a vacant canonry.—*fo.* 16*d.*

1706, July 2.—James Hay, M.A., installed in the prebend of Hinstridge, on the death of Samuel Mews, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 18*d.*

1706, July 11.—David Thomas, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe IV, on the death of William Kidley, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 19.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Communar and Receiver-General, 1705–06.

Payments : 10*l.* to Mr. Mills, the schoolmaster ; 20*l.* to Mr. George, as before ; 2*l.* to Mr. Mills, the librarian ; 3*l.* to Mr. Pope for three solemn sermons, March 8 and 20 and June 27 ; 3*l.* to Dame Sandys *pro le long ladder in usum ecclesiæ* ; 1*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* to Mr. Walkley *pro le anthem* ; 11*s.* to 11 boys who spoke on the victor's day, March 14 ; 1*l.* to Mr. Mills "for the boys' play, Hamlet" ; 3*s.* to the mayor's servants, the thanksgiving this day, June 27 ; 10*s.* to the mayor's servants and serjeants at the mayor's feast, Sept. 30 ; 2*l.* to Mr. William Hill, for the Inniskilling brief ; 1*l.* to Mr. Pope for preaching on thanksgiving day, June 27, 1706.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Keeper of the Fabric, 1705–06.

Receipts : 10*l.* from Guy Clynton for his fine for the camery ; 1*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* for burials, viz. William Britton 5*s.* 4*d.*, Nathaniel son of Nathaniel Palmer 30*s.*

Payments : 10*l.* to James Clarke of Froome for repairs to the clock.

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1706, Oct. 1.—Thomas Cooper appointed sacrist. His duties are to sweep the choir, the north and south choir "isles," the chapter house, Lady chapel and all the chapels above the "isle" doors, to toll the chapter bell at the four quarter days, to wind the clock and chimes, to find oil for the bells and clock

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and leather linings for the clappers of the bells, to wait at the altar every second service throughout the year, to fetch the dean to church from his own house on Saturday evenings, Sundays, all holy days and their eves, when the canons read prayers to carry the bible to the canons' vicar, on all sermon days to assist at the ringing of the sermon bell, to light all the candles in the Lady chapel and quire during the winter quarter, to do the clerk's office in the Lady chapel all the year, and to lock all the church doors at such times as are usual. —*fo.* 22*d.*

William Brodrip, one of the vicars-choral, appointed sub-treasurer. His duties are to provide the wax for the leases at his own charge, and put the seals on, receiving 2*s.* 6*d.* for every lease; to take care of the plate and all vestments of the canons and prebendaries that are committed to his custody; to provide the bread and wine for every Communion, at the charge of the dean and chapter, receiving for his salary 40*s.* yearly; to take care of the linen of the altar, receiving 2*s.* yearly for washing the same; to take care of the branch and candlesticks, and to see that they are clean scoured and hung up on All Saints' eve until the day after Candlemas, for which his fee is 1*s.* 6*d.*—*fos.* 22*d*, 24.

The offices and duties of the several clerks belonging to the cathedral church.—*fo.* 23.

James Teek's duties as senior clerk are to sweep the south isle from the south side door down to the west door and under the great bells, and also the east cloister; on Sundays and holydays to help ring the first and second peals and on all sermon days to help ring the sermon bell, and to ring the second bell all the year before 10 and 4 o'clock prayers, by turns with James Bacon.

William Lane's duties as second clerk are to sweep all the body of the church from the quire door down to the great west door, and the south cloister; to fetch the key from the sacrist, and to open all the doors; to toll the bell at the times appointed, viz. at 6 o'clock prayer half an hour, and to ring the first bell every day at 9 and 3 throughout the year.—*fo.* 23*d.*

James Bacon's duties as third clerk are to sweep the north isle from the north isle door down to the north west door, the church porch and the west cloister; on Sundays and holydays to help ring the first and second peals, and on all sermon days to help ring the sermon bell, and to ring the second bell all the year before 10 and 4 o'clock prayers, by turn with James Teek.

Note.—Every clerk in his turn is to blow the organ bellows.

1706, Oct. 29.—Ordered that Mr. Richard Healy, the commoner, do forthwith pay 48*l.* to Mr. Renatus Harris, for the "eccho" stop by him some time since put up in the great organ, in full satisfaction of his demand for the same. Also

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40*s.* for the sufferers by fire in the town of Inniskilling in Ireland. Also to Thomas Phips, one of the choristers, who is now going as a student to Oxford University, 40*s.* a year during his continuance there.—*fo.* 25*d.*

ACCOUNTS of RICHARD HEALY, LL.D., COMMUNAR and RECEIVER-GENERAL, 1706–07.

Payments: 10*l.* to Mr. Mills, the schoolmaster; 20*l.* to Mr. George, as before; 2*l.* to Mr. Mills, the librarian; 1*l.* to Dr. Creyghton for a sermon, April 9, 1707; 2*l.* to Mr. Mills for two sermons, the thanksgiving, Dec. 31, and the queen's day, March 8; 29*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.* for repairs of Athelney Bridge; 20*l.* part of 48*l.* to Renatus Harris, organ-builder [*organorum faber*], "*pro le Eccho stop*" in the great organ; 1*l.* to Mr. Smith for the thanksgiving sermon on the Union day, May 1; 5*s.* to the mayor's servants on the queen's day, March 8; 10*s.* to the boys who spoke on this victor's days, April 3; 5*s.* for the Union prayers, May 1, and 2*s.* 6*d.* for the alteration order of the prayers upon the Union; 5*l.* to the Rev. William Thorold towards building an episcopal church at Rotterdam.

ACCOUNTS of RICHARD HEALY, LL.D., KEEPER of the FABRIC, 1706–07.

Receipts: 7*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* for burials, viz. Catherine wife of Tristram Evans, gent., in the nave, 16*s.* 8*d.*; Mary dau. of Claver Morris, M.D., before the doors [*fores*] of the chapel of Blessed Mary, 30*s.*; — Guilford, esq., in the south side isle of the choir near the espiscopal throne, 30*s.*; Thomas son of Jane Prickman, widow, in the south aisle of the nave, 13*s.* 4*d.*; James Gendrault, esq., in the choir, 2*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*; an infant of William Symes, in the churchyard, 3*s.* 4*d.*; a dau. of John Evans, gent., in the churchyard, 3*s.* 4*d.*; for the bell at the death of Mr. Rood's wife, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Payments: 7*l.* 6*s.* to Edward Bilbie, the bellfounder, for new casting the little bell in the great middle tower; 3*l.* 15*s.* to William Webb, clockmaker, for repairing the chimes; 5*l.* to James Clarke for repairing the clock.

1707–1708.

1707, Oct. 1.—Amias Bampfeild of Bicknaller, esq., Edward Gilling of Stogumber, clerk, and William Saffin of Bicknaller, gent., appointed game-keepers of the dean and chapter within the manor and lordship of Bicknaller.—*fo.* 31*d.*

1707, Oct. 11.—Mountague Wood, M.A., installed in the prebend of Scamford *alias* Shalford, on the death of William Durston, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 32*d.*

1707, Nov. 1.—Henry Constantine, M.A., installed in the prebend of Hazelbeer, on the death of Samuel Hieron, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 33.

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1707, Nov. 4.—Martin Strong, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe I, on the resignation of Mountague Wood, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 33*d.*

1707–8, Feb. 10.—The commoner is ordered to pay 30*s.* to Robert Teeke for mending the clock.—*fo.* 35.

1708, April 6.—John Roots and John Panes of Langford have leave to dig or mine within the manor of Chapple Allerton for lead ore, paying one tenth of all ore gotten, to be paid to the dean and chapter clear of all charges.—*fo.* 36.

1708, May 25.—Edmund Byron, M.A., installed in the prebend of White-Lackington, on the death of Mesach Smith, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 36*d.*

1708, June 23.—Henry Layng, the sub-dean, chosen proctor for the synod summoned by Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury, for July 8 next.—*fo.* 37.

1708, July 7.—Hugh Waterman, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe XIV, on the death of Ralph Barker, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 38*d.*

1708, July 13.—Edmund Byron, M.A., presented to the vicarage of Lydeard Episcopi, on the death of Henry Squibb; nominated by Mr. Bridges.—*fo.* 39.

Ordered that Thomas Swarbrick shall put the great organ in repair, and shall be allowed 10*l.* for doing the same.—*fo.* 39*d.*

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Communar and Receiver-General, 1707–08.

Receipts: 13*l.* from Thomas Ledgingham, gent., in part of moneys due from him in respect of elm timber felled and sold this year on his tenement in the manor of North Curry, by agreement with the dean and chapter.

Payments: 10*l.* to Mr. Mills, the schoolmaster; 20*l.* to Mr. George, as before; 2*l.* to Mr. Mills, the librarian; 2*l.* for sermons on March 8 and Aug. 19; 1*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* for a musical service of Mr. Walkley; 8*s.* for putting up one of the statues of the fabric, which fell this year; 40*s.* to Hugh Browne for 5 books of common prayer; 15*s.* to Thomas Gravill for binding them [*pro compingendo eosdem*]; 4*s.* 9*d.* for binding a MS. book of Nathaniel Chyles, gent.; 18*l.* on account due to Renatus Harris; 1*l.* to the school boys at their play, Julius Cæsar, Oct. 27.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Keeper of the Fabric, 1707–08.

Receipts: 7*l.* 10*s.* for burials, viz. Mary Blanchard, widow, near the clock, 23*s.* 4*d.*; John son of Robert Kingston, gent.,

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in the nave, 16*s.* 8*d.* ; Margaret dau. of John Pope, clerk, in Milton Chapel, no bell, 26*s.* 8*d.* ; Richard son of John Paine junior, gent., near the clock, no bell, 20*s.* ; for the bell on the death of Mr. Mills' maid-servant [*famula*], 3*s.* 4*d.*, and of Elizabeth dau. of Frideswide Brickenden, widow, 3*s.* 4*d.* ; Susan, wife of John Day, gent., in the nave, 16*s.* 8*d.*, and 10*s.* for the stone ; Cicely wife of William Hughes, esq., chancellor of the diocese, in the south aisle behind the choir, 30*s.*

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1708, Oct. 1.—The commoner to pay Thomas Swarbrick 15*l.* for repairing the great organ.—*fo.* 41.

The dean and chapter have received from the hands of Mrs. Helena Sandys, relict and executrix of the will of the Rev. Edwin Sandys, late archdeacon of Wells and canon residentiary, deceased, "the manuscript folio book writt by Nathaniel Chyles, gent., deceased, intituled *The History of the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew in Wells within the County of Somersett*, given to the said dean and chapter in the will of the said Mr. Edwin Sandys, deceased."—*fo.* 41*d.*

1708, Nov. 13.—Benjamin Ibbott, M.A., installed in the dignity of the treasurership of the cathedral church, on the death of the Ven. Ralph Barker, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 42.

1708, Nov. 25.—Samuel Hill, M.A., archdeacon of Wells and prebendary of Huish and Brent, elected a canon residentiary, on the death of Ralph Barker ; he paid 100*l.* caution money ; he shall not begin residence nor have any commodity as canon before October 1 next.—*fo.* 43.

1709, May 28.—George Farewell, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wedmore V, on the death of Edward Burge, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 47*d.*

1709, June 20.—Harry Hill, M.A., installed in the prebend of Compton Episcopi, on the resignation of John Robinson, M.A., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 48*d.*

1709, July 1.—John George, the organist and one of the vicars, was warned not to leave the church before prayers were ended.—*fo.* 49.

1709, July 12.—Henry Edwards, M.A., installed in the prebend of Heslebeer, on the death of Henry Constantine, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 49*d.*

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Communar and Receiver-General, 1708–09.

Payments : 2*l.* to Mr. Mills, the librarian ; 10*s.* for a church calendar and canons ; 10*l.* balance due to Renatus Harris ;

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1*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* to Mr. David Leonard for anthems ; 3*l.* for sermons, Feb. 17, March 8 and Nov. 22* ; 2*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* at the alms-house dinner to Mr. Tristram Evans.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Keeper of the Fabric, 1708–09.

Receipts : 4*l.* 10*s.* for burials, viz. Widow Rock, in the nave, 16*s.* 8*d.* ; John son of William Sherston, gent., in the south aisle near the choir, 30*s.* ; Richard Carver, 3*s.* 4*d.* ; Jane White, widow, in the chapel of Blessed Mary, 30*s.* ; Anne, maid-servant of the hon. Dame Jane Keene, 3*s.* 4*d.* ; for tolling on the deaths of Widow Jervis and Mr. Godwyn, 3*s.* 4*d.* each time.

Payments : 8*l.* to Mr. Thomas Swarbrick for taking care of and repairing the organ† ; 1*l.* 1*s.* to Robert Tick for repairs to the clock.

1709–1710.

1709, Dec. 16.—William Lucey, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wedmore IV, on the death of William Crofts, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 52*d.*

1710, May 27.—William Hunt, M.A., installed in the prebend of Compton Dundon, on the death of John Meare, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 55.

1710, July 8.—Lease to George Andrews of Wells, mercer, for 40 years, of a tenement or house in New-works, being the first house from the east end, with a porch or gate, commonly called Pennyless Porch or Bench, and two chambers over the same, with a garden in the place called New-works gardens. Lessee to do suit of court twice a year at Canon Barn and to pay one twelfth of the cost of repairing the great gouts and lead pipes, by which water is brought to the New-works, as far as the said first house.—[Ledger, 1701–1739, *p.* 59.]

1710, July 18.—Barbar Bevans, M.A., installed in the prebend of Taunton, on the death of Charles Syms, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 57.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Communar and Receiver-General, 1709–10.

Payments : 1*l.* to Mr. Mills, the schoolmaster, for repair of windows of the Grammar School this year ; 11*s.* to the 11 boys who spoke on the victor's day ; 2*l.* to Close Hall, for the adorning it ; 10*l.* to my Lord Bishop Ken, for the poor clergy for a year ; 1*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* to Mr. Skilbeck, a clergyman, poet ; 1*s.* to a woman and 4 children, her husband killed on board

* Only special sermons are noted hereafter.
† This continues until 1724–5, the end of the volume.

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the Kent in taking *the Superb*, a French ship ; 5*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* for repairing the altar-part in the chancel of St. Cuthbert's church.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Keeper of the Fabric, 1709–10.

Receipts : 5*l.* 15*s.* for burials, viz. William Crofts, clerk, and prebendary, near the clock, and for a gravestone, 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* ; a son of Peter Davis, esq., in the south aisle behind the choir, 30*s.* ; Mary Downton, widow, near the clock, 1*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* and 1*l.* 5*s.* for a stone ; 3*s.* 4*d.* for the bell at the funeral of John Prowse, esq.

Payments : 3*l.* 10*s.* to Mr. Thomas Fry "for his work in new gilding the starrs, cleansing the gold cornish atop, and new painting with blue the canopy of the altar, round about over the hangings there" ; 8*l.* for repairs to the chimes.

1710–1711.

1710, Oct. 19.—Timothy Redman, M.A., installed in the prebend of Whitelackington, on the death of Edmund Byron, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 59.

1710, Oct. 31.—George Cheyney, B.A., presented to the vicarage of Lydiard Episcopi, on the death of Edmund Byron ; nominated by Thomas Cheyney, S.T.P.—*fo.* 59*d.*

1710, Nov. 9.—Henry Layng, sub-dean, elected proctor for the dean and chapter at the synod summoned for Nov. 25. —*fo.* 60.

1710, Dec. 4.—William Camplin, M.A., presented to the vicarage of Stogumber, on the resignation of William Capell ; nominated by Mr. Layng.—*fo.* 60*d.*

1710–11, Jan. 2.—William Westley of Wells, esq., William Wickham of Compton Bishop, gent., Francis Taylor, clerk, vicar of Winscomb, and Thomas Salvadge, reeve of the manor of Winscomb, appointed game-keepers within the said manor. —*fo.* 61.

1711, July 2.—William Saffin of Newton in the parish of Bicknaller, gent., appointed game-keeper of the manor of Bicknaller.—*fo.* 62.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Communar and Receiver-General, 1710-11.

Payments : 1*l.* 7*s.* to John Little for bringing the books of Lord Bishop Ken, deceased, from Long-Leat ; 1*l.* to Mr. Mills for repair of the grammar school windows ; 1*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* to the school boys at the play, Oedipus ; 14*s.* to the boys speaking this, the victor's day, March 21 ; 5*s.* to the mayor's

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serjeants, May 29; 1*s.* to 2 women, a minister's [?] widow, and 3 children, took by French going to New England, retook and put in at Yarmoth; 3*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* more towards adorning the altar part of St. Cuthbert's church.

ACCOUNTS of RICHARD HEALY, LL.D., KEEPER of the FABRIC, 1710–11.

Receipts: 4*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* for burials, viz. a dau. of John Pope, clerk, in the chapel by the north aisle of the choir, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; William Baylie, gent., in the chapel by the south aisle of the choir, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; Jane wife of William Sherstone, gent., in the said south aisle, 1*l.* 10*s.*, with bell.

Payments: 42*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* for repairs.

1711–1712.

1711, Dec. 29.—Richard Eyre, M.A., installed in the prebend of Compton Dundon, on the resignation of William Hunt, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 66*d.*

1711, Dec. 31.—William Hunt, M.A., installed as archdeacon of Bath and also in the prebend of Ilton, on the death of William Clement, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 67.

1711–12, Jan. 17.—William Hunt, archdeacon of Bath, collated to the canonical house on the west side of the Canon Barn within the liberty of St. Andrew, late William Clement's. —*fo.* 68*d.*

1711–12, Jan. 22.—The said William Hunt admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100 marks caution money; he shall not begin residence nor take any emolument as canon before October 1 next.—*fo.* 69.

1712, March 27.—John Pemberton, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe X, on the death of Thomas Iliffe, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 70.

1712, April 1.—"Whereas Mr. Mills, late master of the grammar school in Wells belonging to the dean and chapter, hath left the same and no one to take care of it, that the said school is now actually void by the said Mr. Mills his dereliction of it and takeing to another school at Croyden in Surry"; the chancellor, Mr. Brydges, may present a new master as soon as he thinks fit.—*fo.* 70*d.*

1712, April 2.—Robert Creyghton, M.A., appointed master of the school (nominated by Mr. Chancellor Brydges); and also keeper of the cathedral library, at a yearly stipend of 40*s.* —*fo.* 71.

1711–1712.

1712, July 26.—Edmund Archer, S.T.P., installed in the archdeaconry of Taunton and prebend of Milverton I, on the death of Edward Waple, S.T.B., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 73.

1712, Aug. 9.—Lawson Hudlestone, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wedmore III, on the death of William Keates, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 74.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Communar and Receiver-General, 1711–12.

Payments: 2*l.* 3*s.* to Mr. Wiltshire for 4 anthems; 5*l.* to Mr. Mills, the schoolmaster, for 2 quarters; 5*l.* to Mr. Robert Creyghton, the schoolmaster, for two quarters; 1*l.* to Mr. Creyghton, the schoolmaster, for repair of the grammar school windows*; 1*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* to Mr. Gravill for binding the scattered court rolls [*rotulos curiæ dispersos*], 8 volumes, and repairing the great Bible given by Lord Bishop Creyghton; 10*s.* to the grammar school boys who spoke the speeches in Virgil's Æneids, Dec. 14; 1*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* to the school boys at their play, Phædra and Hyppolytas, Sept. 1; 2*l.* to Mr. James Nooth towards cataloguing the library books.

Accounts of Richard Healy, LL.D., Keeper of the Fabric, 1711–12.

Receipts: 2*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* for burials, viz. Jane Elliot, widow, in the nave, 16*s.* 8*d.*; John Gilbert's son, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Mr. Richard Cupper's maid, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Elizabeth dau. of John Paine junior, gent., near the clock, 20*s.*

Payments: 25*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for repairs, etc., including 1*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* for 47¼ yards of canvas to line the hangings on the north side of the altar, and 1*l.* 4*s.* for making.

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1712, Oct. 18.—Henry Mills, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe XV, on the death of Edward Wooton, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 76.

1712, Dec. 3.—Elias Rebotier, a priest of the church of England, installed in the prebend of Dinder, on the resignation of Henry Mills, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 77.

1712–3, Jan. 2.—William Broderip, vicar-choral, appointed organist, on the death of John George, late organist, at a salary of 20*l.*—*fo.* 77*d.*

1712–3, Jan. 14.—The commoner shall pay the chancellor 5*l.* yearly towards supplying and maintaining the holy day

* This item continues until 1724-5, the end of the volume.

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sermons to be constantly preached for the time to come.—*fo.* 78.

1712–3, March 18.—Henry Gapper, M.A., a priest of the church of England, installed in the prebend of Combe IV, on the death of David Thomas, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 78*d.*

1713, May 23.—Matthew Brailsford, S.T.P., installed as dean, on the death of William Grahme, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 80.

The dean admitted a canon residentiary; he promised to pay 100*l.* caution money; he shall not begin residence nor have any emolument as a canon before October 1st next.—*fo.* 81.

1713, Aug. 19.—Thomas Westley, B.A., a priest of the church of England, installed in the prebend of Ashill, on the death of John Read, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 83.

1713, Sept. 4.—Edward Morse, M.A., a priest of the church of England, installed in the prebend of Combe IX, on the resignation of Edmund Archer, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 83*d.*

Accounts of Mary Healy, widow, relict of Richard Healy, LL.D., and Marshal Brydges, now Communar and Receiver-General, 1712–13.

Payments: 10*l.* to Mr. Creyghton, the schoolmaster, for his stipend*; 5*l.* to Mr. George, the organist, one quarter; 15*l.* to William Broderip, the organist, three quarters; 2*l.* to Mr. Creyghton, the librarian*; 1*l.* to Mr. Creyghton for repair of the grammar school windows and 1*l.* for repairs to the school; 2*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* to Mr. Gravel for entering antiphons in the church books.

Accounts or Mary Healy, widow, relict of Richard Healy, LL.D., and Marshal Brydges, M.A., Chancellor and Canon Residentiary, now Master or Keeper of the Fabric, 1712–13.

Receipts: 1*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* for burials, viz. a dau. of John Paine junior, gent., near the clock, 1*l.*; for the bell on the death of Catherine Webb, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Payments: 44*l.* 3*s.* 7*d.* for repairs, including 7*l.* to Thomas Fry for mending the western window.

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1713, Oct. 12.—William Mallett, esq., elected clerk of the courts of the dean and chapter, on the death of Richard Healy, LL.D.—*fo.* 86.

* These items continue until 1724–5, the end of the volume.

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1713, Oct. 29.—Henry Layng, sub-dean, appointed proctor for the synod summoned for Nov. 12 next.—*fo.* 86*d.*

1713, Nov. 5.—John Davis, S.T.P., installed in the prebend of Barton-David, on the death of Thomas Fletcher, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 87.

1713–4, Feb. 11.—Francis Warre, B.A., priest of the church of England, installed in the prebend of Combe VII, on the resignation of John Davis, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 91.

1714, May 15.—Ordered that the biggest or sixth bell, called Harewell, which hath been a long time cracked and useless, shall be forthwith new cast by Thomas Wroth of Wellington, com. Devon, bellfounder, who hath this day agreed to doe the same for the sum of 40*l.* . . . the bell is to be taken down at the chapter's charge and expense, and delivered to Wroth at the dean's coach-house, where she is to be cast, and so to be again brought back and hung up, and the said Wroth is to be at all the other expenses about casting the said bell and to find all materials required about the same. And for that the cracking of the said bell hath twice happened, and been imputed to the want of substance sufficient to bear the stroke of her clipper, ordered that the bell used to a clock hanging in one of the pinacles of the tower over the church, shall be melted down with the said bell called Harewell, and thrown into her as an addition to her mettle, in order to make her the more useful and less subject to the like misfortune for the future. The 40*l.* shall be taken out of the stock or *deposita* money, and every canon shall allow 20*s.* yearly out of his dividends until the sum be replaced.—*fo.* 92.

1714, July 28.—John Geale, M.A., presented to the vicarage of Lydeard Bishop's, on the death of George Cheyney; nominated by Canon Thomas Cheyney.—*fo.* 95*d.*

1714, July 29.—Ordered that all lessees for 40 years must renew at the expiration of 14 years, otherwise their fines shall be raised.—*fo.* 96.

Accounts of Marshal Brydges, Communar and Receiver-General, 1713–14.

Payments: 20*l.* to Mr. Broderip for tuning the organ*; 1*l.* 8*s.* to Mr. Broderip for entering antiphons; 14*s.* to Mr. Gravil for books for the church; 10*s.* to Mary George, widow, for books; 4*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.* for books for the use of the church; 8*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* for linen bought for the use of the audit [*pro linteis emptis in usum auditûs*].†

* This item continues until 1724–5, the end of the volume.

† Query, napkins for the audit-dinner?

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Accounts of Marshal Brydges, M.A., Master or Keeper of the Fabric, 1713–14.

Receipts : 5*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for burials, no names.
Payments : 76*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.* to workmen for repairs.

1714–1715.

1714–5, March 10.—Dr. Layng chosen proctor for the synod summoned for the 21st inst.—*fo.* 101*d.*

Accounts of Marshal Brydges, M.A., Communar and Receiver-General, 1714–15.

Payments : 20*l.* to the archdeacon of Bath and the chancellor for sermons on Jan. 20 and August 1 ; 1*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* to Mr. Broderip for anthems ; 1*l.* to the boys of the grammar school.

Accounts of Marshal Brydges, M.A., Master or Keeper of the Fabric, 1714–15.

Receipts : 2*l.* 10*s.* for burials, no names.
Payments : 54*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.* to workmen for repairs.

1715–1716.

1716, May 5.—Henry Layng, S.T.P., installed in the archdeaconry of Wells and the prebend of Huish and Brent, on the death of the Ven. Samuel Hill, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 109*d.*

1716, May 26.—John Whitehand, M.A., installed as sub-dean, on the resignation of Henry Layng, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 110.

1716, June 2.—Edmund Archer, S.T.P., archdeacon of Taunton and prebendary of Milverton I, elected a canon residentiary ; he paid 100 marks caution money ; he shall not receive any commodity (except quotidians) nor begin residence before Oct. 1, 1717.—*fo.* 112.

1716, June 6.—John Pope, clerk, M.A., appointed vicar-general by the bishop.—*fo.* 113.

1716, Aug. 4.—John Whitehand, M.A., sub-dean, installed in the prebend of Milverton II, on the resignation of Dr. Layng, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 115.

Thomas Coney, S.T.P., installed in the prebend of Buckland Dinham, on the resignation of John Whitehand, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 115*d.*

1716, Aug. 11.—William Chetle, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe IX, on the resignation of Edward Morse, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 116.

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1716, Aug. 13.—The canons, taking into consideration the great offence given by the soldiers coming into the church with their arms, and performing their exercise there in time of divine service, did resolve and decree that the following representation for preventing the like for the future be forthwith communicated to the commanding officer :—

To the brigadier or commanding officer in Wells.

The chapter, taking notice that your soldiers did the last Sunday again enter the cathedral church in a military manner and make it a place of arms and exercise, in violation of the reverence due to a place dedicated to God's service, to the great offence and disturbance of the congregation, and contrary to the ecclesiastical laws of this realm, which offensive behaviour was begun and connived at in time of rebellion and public disorder, but afterwards at the request of the dean and chapter to the then commanding officer has been for some time omitted.—They do now again make it their request to you to give such order that the like practice may for the future be forborn, their vocation and the peculiar trust reposed in them making it their duty to preserve the cathedral (so far as in them lies) from such irregularities.—*fo.* 116*d.*

Accounts of Marshal Brydges, M.A., Communar and Receiver-General, 1715–16.

Payments : 1*l.* to the dean for a sermon on Aug. 1 ; 11*s.* 6*d.* to Mr. Gravil for entering antiphons.

Accounts of Marshal Brydges, M.A., Master or Keeper of the Fabric, 1715–16.

Receipts : 8*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for burials, no names.
Payments : 41*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.* to workmen for repairs.

1716–1717.

1716, Dec. 13.—John Rio, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe X, on the death of Mr. Pemberton, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 119*d.*

1716–7, Feb. 27.—Lease of the decoy pool lately made within the manor of North Curry to Mr. Chancellor [Marshal] Brydges, for three lives.—*fo.* 120*d.*

1717, Aug. 14.—John Agate, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wanstrow, on the death of Mr. Beachamp, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 124.

Accounts of Marshal Brydges, M.A., Communar and Receiver-General, 1716–17.

Payments : 17*s.* 8*d.* to Mr. Gravil and Mr. Broadrip for entering antiphons ; 1*l.* to the archdeacon of Bath for a sermon

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on Aug. 1 ; 8*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* for sheets and books for the use of the church.

Accounts of Marshal Brydges, M.A., Master or Keeper of the Fabric, 1716–17.

Receipts : 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for burials, no names.
Payments : 23*l.* 4*s.* 8½*d.* to workmen for repairs.

1717–1718.

1717, Oct. 26.—Peter Webb, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wedmore V, on the death of George Farewell, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 126*d.*

1718, April 26.—Elias Rebotier installed in the prebend of Henstridge, on the death of James Hay, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 129.

Robert Creyghton, M.A., installed in the prebend of Dinder, on the resignation of Elias Rebotier, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 129*d.*

1718, June 28.—John Potter, M.A., installed in the prebend of Barton David, on the death of John Davis, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 130.

1718, July 1.—The dean warned the vicars-choral that their negligence of late in performing their duty in the choir had become notorious and that they must attend more punctually and diligently in future.—*fo.* 131.

1718, July 2.—Mr. Hill, one of the vicars-choral, was reprimanded because he, having voluntarily undertaken to read prayers in place of Mr. Franklyn, had neglected to come into the choir until prayers had been begun by Mr. Archdeacon Archer, canon residentiary.—*fo.* 131*d.*

1718, July 12.—Mr. [Farwell] Perry, one of the vicars-choral, was admonished for neglect of his duties and want of respect in not bowing to the dean in church. He refused to apologise to the dean, and was ordered to be suspended from his commons as a vicar for one whole week and further until he make satisfaction for his fault.—*fo.* 132*d.*

All the vicars were summoned into the chapter house and the dean read the following injunctions.—*fo.* 133 :—

In the presence of the chapter I do this day admonish all the vicars of this church strictly to observe the following instances of their duty.

First, that every priest-vicar who officiates in reading morning prayer in St. Mary chapel be there before the bell hath done tolling, that he be in his canonical habit under his surplice, and that he deliberately and devoutly read the whole service appointed for morning prayer.

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Secondly, that all the vicars at ten of the clock of the morning and four in the afternoon be in their stalls in the choir before the bells have done chiming, especially the priest-vicar whose office it then is to read prayers.

Thirdly, that all the priest-vicars come alway into the choir in their canonical habit under their surplices and having upon them their hoods proper to their degrees.

Fourthly, that all, both priest-vicars and lay-vicars, behave themselves seriously and devoutly in the time of divine service and that they carefully perform their several parts in it according to rule and order.

Fifthly, that no vicar of either sort presume upon any pretence whatsoever to be absent from the choir in the hours of prayer, without asking and obtaining leave from the dean, if present, or from the president of the chapter in his absence. —*fo.* 133*d.*

Sixthly, that all the vicars at their entrance into the choir do conform themselves to the ancient statute of this church, *de ingressu clericorum.*

Seventhly, that they be all of them in their whole behaviour, exemplary, sober and religious, so as not to dishonour this church or discredit religion, in the service of which they are so immediately concerned.

1718, July 19.—Mr. Perry not having come to ask pardon for the fault and contempt he stands charged with, he is to be cited.—*fo.* 134.

1718, July 26.—Mr. Perry attended and asked pardon.—*fo.* 134*d.*

Accounts of Marshal Brydges, M.A., Communar and Receiver-General, 1717–18.

Payments : 1*l.* to the archdeacon of Taunton for a sermon on Aug. 1.

Accounts of Marshal Brydges, M.A., Master or Keeper of the Fabric, 1717–18.

Receipts : 3*l.* for burials, no names.
Payments : 21*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.* to workmen for repairs.

1718–1719.

1718, Oct. 24.—John Potter, priest, M.A., installed in the prebend of Whitelackington, on the death of Timothy Redman, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 137.

1718, Oct. 28.—The answer of the dean and chapter, in the suit of John Geate *v.* Charles Winter and others, in the exchequer, was sealed.—*fo.* 137*d.*

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1718, Dec. 10.—Thomas Cooper, the sacrist, was charged with having assisted as clerk or sacrist, on August 28 last, in the marrying of Elizabeth, daughter of Claver Moris, M.D., a minor under the age of 21, and having given her away without her parents' consent, in the cathedral church, which marriage was solemnised by Mr. Samuel Hill, clerk, who intruded himself into the cathedral, not being entitled to officiate there and without the leave of the president of the chapter or of any of the canons. Cooper was suspended for a year. Mr. Hill was forbidden to officiate in the cathedral on any pretext whatever. No person, other than the dignitaries, canons and prebendaries, shall solemnise marriage in the cathedral without the consent of the dean or the president of the chapter.—*fo.* 138.

1718–9, Jan. 2.—The vicars-choral are again warned that they must not omit being at prayers, unless they have leave of the dean or senior canon resident ; also, that without such leave they must not go out of the town.—*fo.* 139.

1718–9, Jan. 15.—Francis Warre, clerk, installed in the prebend of Barton David, on the resignation of John Potter, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 139*d.*

1719, May 27.—A key of the seat, called the Grate, in the cathedral, shall be delivered to Dr. Archer, for the use of his wife and family, to sit there at their pleasure.—*fo.* 140*d.*

1719, May 30.—Eldridge Aris, M.A., appointed chaplain or curate of the church or chapel of Allerton, on the death of Thomas Brickendon ; nominated by the dean.

1719, June 3.—Dr. Hunt, archdeacon of Bath, has leave to take down the buildings on the south side of the great parlour of his canonical house and shall not be obliged to rebuild them ; he may make such alterations in repairing the house as he shall think fit.—*fo.* 141.

Dr. Archer is desired and authorised to new place and fix the books in the library belonging to this cathedral in such method as he shall adjudge proper ; and that new locks be forthwith provided for the library doors, and that no keys thereto for the future be delivered to or kept in the hands of any other persons but the dean and canons only, and such persons as shall be appointed by act of chapter ; many abuses having of late happened and been committed in the said library, by reason of keys being left with and given to other persons without the consent of the chapter.

1719, July 1.—John Rogers, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Combe VII, on the resignation of Francis Warre, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 141*d.*

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1719, July 21.—Dr. Archer has leave to make a door from the court belonging to his canonical house into the way or passage that leads to the New Works gardens.—*fo.* 143.

Accounts of Marshal Brydges, M.A., Communar and Receiver-General, 1718–19.

Accounts of Marshal Brydges, M.A., Master or Keeper of the Fabric, 1718–19.

Receipts: 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for burials, no names.
Payments: 44*l.* 3*s.* 4½*d.* to workmen for repairs.

1719–1720.

1719, Oct. 9.—Guy Clinton, N.P., and Edmund Giles Hooper, gent., were appointed bishop's registrars for their lives.—*fo.* 145*d.*

Robert Layng, M.A., and Henry Layng, B.A., were appointed registrars to the archdeacon of Wells, for their lives, by Henry Layng, S.T.P., archdeacon of Wells, their father.

John Paine junior, N.P., appointed chapter clerk for life, on the death of William Westley, esq.; nominated by Marshal Brydges, the chancellor.—*fo.* 146.

1719–20, Jan. 10.—Mr. James Nooth, deputy clerk of the courts, is appointed game-keeper for the manor of Canon Grange.—*fo.* 147*d.*

1719–20, Jan. 20.—Elias Rebotier, priest of the church of England, installed in the prebend of Wivelishcomb, on the death of John Wells, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 148.

1719–20, Feb. 6.—James Knight, priest of the church of England, installed in the prebend of Henstridge, on the resignation of Elias Rebotier, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 149.

1719–20, March 9.—Richard Healy, M.A., presented to the vicarage of St. Cuthbert's, Wells, on the resignation of John Pope; nominated by Dr. Cheyney.—*fo.* 150.

1720, July 1.—John Brown of Wells, hatter, has leave to make a way and door into the churchyard from a little house situate in the west end of the churchyard, and to the north of the house where William Moore now lives; he must pay 2*s.* a year as an acknowledgment.—*fo.* 152*d.*

1720, July 16.—Mr. Broadway, Mr. Crosse and Mr. Boulter, vicars-choral, are suspended from commons for a week, for absenting themselves from service yesterday, without leave. —*fo.* 153*d.*

1719–1720.

1720, July 20.—The leads of the pinnacle tower are to be taken up and new laid; the pitching on the north side of the churchyard wall, from Brown's Gate to Close Hall Gate, is to be repaired.—*fo.* 154.

Dr. Archer is to take an account of what books are wanting in the library to complete some of the volumes therein; they are to be bought with what library money is now in stock.—

1720, Sept. 8.—John Paine junior and Henry Layng are appointed registrars of the archdeaconry of Wells, for their lives and the life of the survivor.

Undated; about 1720.—Lease to Marshall Brydges of Wells, clerk, for 3 lives, of the decoy pool newly made within the manor of North Curry and a little dwelling house newly built thereon (*sic*), and all tame fowl belonging thereto, and all structures, buildings, engines, pipes, reed-works and appurtenances, and the sole liberty of fishing, fowling and hunting within the said manor. Lessee to pay 2*l.* 10*s.* yearly rent, and also "fifteen couples of fatt and good fowle, viz. duck, mallard, widgeon and teale, for the use of their audit dinners on the first Munday in December."—[Ledger, 1701–1739, *p.* 161.]

Accounts of Marshal Brydges, M.A., Communar and Receiver-General, 1719–20.

Accounts of Edmund Archer, S.T.P., Archdeacon of Taunton and Canon Residentiary, Master or Keeper of the Fabric, 1719–20.

Receipts: 7*l.* 10*s.* for burials, no names.
Payments: 117*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.* to workmen for repairs.

1720–1721.

1720, Oct. 1.—The dean (Matthew Brailsford) and Dr. Archer protested against the repeated election of Mr. Brydges as communar.*—*fo.* 156.

1720, Oct. 28.—William Lucey, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wanstrow, on the death of John Agate, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 157*d.*

1720, Nov. 25.—John Perry, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe II, on the death of Morgan Jones, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 158.

1720, Dec. 1.—Robert Woodford, LL.B., priest of the church of England, installed in the prebend of Combe I, on the death of Martin Strong, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 158*d.*

* He had been re-elected on Sept. 30, when he carried the election only by voting for himself.—*fo.* 155.

1720–1721.

1720, Dec. 2.—Edward Johnson, B.A., priest of the church of England, installed in the prebend of Combe XIII, on the death of Henry Allyne, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 159.

1720–1, March 10.—Thomas Eyre, M.A., installed in the prebend of Compton Dundon, now vacant, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 161.

1721, May 13.—Thomas Ford, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wedmore IV, on the resignation of William Lucey, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 162.

1721, May 25.—Lease to Avis Cannington of Wells, widow, for 40 years, of a dwelling house situate at the upper end of the High Street or Market Place, against the market house eastward, and next adjoining to the Guild Hall, now in the tenure of Mr. Guydo Clinton, on the south, the porch or gate leading into the churchyard on the north, and Chorister House on the east.—[Ledger, 1701–1739, *p.* 181.]

1721, July 1.—Ordered that none of the vicars-choral shall have leave given them to be absent above the space of one week at any one time, without the consent of the chapter first obtained in the chapter house, and an act made thereof.—*fo.* 163*d.*

1721, July 19.—Ordered that Mr. Collins, who lays claim to the prison-house and fair of North Curry, shall be wrote to that the dean and chapter insist on their right thereto, and that Mr. Collins forthwith produce to them his title, otherwise that a legal proper method be taken for recovering the same.—*fo.* 164*d.*

1721, July 27.—John Rogers, S.T.P., installed in the dignity of sub-dean of Wells, on the death of John Whitehand, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 165.

George Atwood, S.T.P., installed in the prebend of Whitchurch, on the death of John Vannam, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 165*d.*

1721, Aug. 8.—The leads of the church, now out of repair, are to be amended forthwith.—*fo.* 166.

Mr. Perry, priest-vicar-choral, has leave of absence for 6 weeks.

1721, Sept. 5.—Samuel Farthing, M.A., installed in the prebend of Milverton II, on the death of John Whitehand, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 166*d.*

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1721, Sept. 19.—One of the keys of the chest in which the common chapter seal is kept is not to be had, viz. Dr. Layng's, he being out of town ; the seal is required at once. Ordered that the lock be forced.—*fo.* 167.

Accounts of Marshal Brydges, M.A., Communar and Receiver-General, 1720–21.

Payments : 1*l.* to Dr. Archer for a sermon on Dec. 15, 1720, a fast-day because of the pestilence ; 1*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* to Mr. Broderip for anthems bought of Mr. Paul of Exeter.

Accounts of Edmund Archer, S.T.P., Master or Keeper of the Fabric, 1720–21.

Receipts : 2*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* for burials, no names.
Payments : 88*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* to workmen for repairs.

1721–1722.

1721, Oct. 27.—Nathaniel Bridges, B.A., nominated by Dr. Hunt to the vicarage of Mudford, on the death of Hugh Lambert.—*fo.* 169.

1721–2, Feb. 10.—Mr. Franklyn, vicar-choral, was charged that on Ash Wednesday last, during divine service, he had married two persons in the chapel called " Our Lady's Chapell," with the leave of the president of the chapter. He confessed it and humbly submitted, and promised not to offend in the like again.—*fo.* 171.

1721–2, Feb. 17.—Dr. Archer protested against William Malet, the clerk of the courts, holding courts, ignoring the customs of the church observed for 300 years, and usurping the name of under-steward, etc.—*fo.* 172.

1721–2, Feb. 22.—Richard Lux, B.A., nominated to the vicarage of Stogumber by Dr. Hunt, on the death of William Camplyn [?].—*fo.* 172*d.*

1722, May 9.—Dr. John Rogers, the sub-dean, elected proctor for the synod summoned for May 18th.—*fo.* 174.

1722, Aug. 20.—Ordered that James Nooth shall be and is hereby dismissed from keeping the dean and chapter's courts as deputy to Mr. Malet, the clerk of the courts, or doing any business for the dean and chapter under the authority of the said Mr. Malet ; and that the next court leet and court baron at North Curry shall be held at the usual place on Tuesday, Oct. 16 next ; and that an order or summons under the common or chapter seal shall in the meantime be sent to Mr. Malet, requiring him to attend then and there to execute his office in person as clerk of the courts.—*fo.* 177*d.*

1722, Aug. 21.—Dr. Cheyney, Dr. Hunt, Mrs. Hales and Mr. Paine junior, are to be requested to cause rails to be put up as formerly, before their doors, courts and gardens on the north side of the liberty, in the same manner as is now done by Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Irish before their houses, in order to have the same continued with uniformity down to the rails already erected by Mr. Sherston.—*fo.* 178.

1722, Aug. 25.—Lease to Elizabeth Irish of Wells, widow, for 40 years, of a messuage or tenement and mansion house within the liberty, abutting on the house and garden of the late college called Mountroy College, now in the possession of Anne Evans, spinster, or her tenants, on the east, the canonical house and garden now in the tenure of Thomas Cheyney, D.D., on the west, and a close in the tenure of William Baron, gent., on the north; rent 19*s.* and 12*d.*—[Ledger, 1701–1739, *p.* 230.]

1722, Aug. 29.—Mr. Tristram Evans is desired and empowered (in the absence of Mr. Malet, the clerk of the courts) to attend on Dr. Archer, the steward, at the next courts held for the manors of Bicknaller and Congresbury.—*fo.* 179.

1722, Sept. 1.—To William Malet, esq., clerk of the courts. We, the dean and chapter . . . , suffering in our affairs by your long absence, do now give you notice that we have appointed a court leet and court baron to be held for our liberty and manor of North Curry on Tuesday, the 16th day of October next ensueing . . . ; and we do require your personal attendance, then and there to do and perform the duty belonging to your office as clerk of our courts; and in case you refuse or neglect to attend, we shall forthwith remove you from your office and grant a new patent to some other person.—[Ledger, 1701–1739, *p.* 233.]

1722, Sept. 24.—Whereas Abraham Gapper, esq., pretends to have a deputation from Mr. Malet, the clerk of the courts, it is declared and ordered that Mr. Malet has not by his patent any right to depute any person to execute his office. The chapter disowns and refuses to allow any such deputation to Mr. Gapper, or to permit him to act thereunder.—*fo.* 179*d.*

1722, Sept. 24 [*sc.* 27].—To the commanding officer of the soldiers in Wells:

The dean and chapter—taking into consideration the message sent to the dean by the colonel, requesting that the soldiers may enter the cathedral church with their arms, in a military manner, in order to attend divine service—return as their answer that they cannot consent to any such practice, it being, in their opinion, a violation of the reverence due to a place

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dedicated to God's service, and contrary to the laws ecclesiastical of this realm, and the peculiar trust in them reposed makes it their duty to preserve the cathedral (as far as in them lies) from such irregularities.—*fo.* 180.

ACCOUNTS of HENRY LAYNG, S.T.P., Archdeacon of Wells, COMMUNAR and RECEIVER-GENERAL, 1721–22.

Payments: 11*s.* 8*d.* for books for the library; 1*l.* to Dr. Hunt for a sermon on the gule of August; 2*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* for repairs to the chancel of Winscombe church.

ACCOUNTS of WILLIAM HUNT, S.T.P., Archdeacon of Bath and Canon Residentiary, MASTER or KEEPER of the FABRIC, 1721–22.

Receipts: 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for burials, no names.
Payments: 39*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* to workmen for repairs.

1722–1723.

1722, Oct. 1.—One year's purchase shall be demanded of every person for granting a fifth life on any estate within the dean and chapter's manors.—*fo.* 181*d.*

Mr. Brydges is deputed to hold courts for the dean and chapter for the current year, Dr. Archer dissenting.—*fo.* 182.

1722, Oct. 13.—Mr. Tristram Evans is desired and empowered, in the absence of Mr. Malet, the clerk of the courts, to attend Mr. Brydges, the now steward, at the next courts to be held for the liberty and manors of North Curry, East Curry, Wrantage and Westhatch. Mr. Brydges shall, on Tuesday next, the day appointed, personally attend at the court leet and court baron to be held for the liberty and manor of North Curry, and then and there call the said Mr. Malet to attend and perform the duty belonging to his office as clerk of the courts; if he shall not personally attend on being called, Mr. Brydges shall cause his default to be entered in the book or on the rolls amongst the acts of the court.—*fo.* 182*d.*

1722, Oct. 19.—Mr. Malet did not attend when he was called on the 16th inst.; it is therefore decreed that his patent as clerk of the courts is become void, and is hereby accordingly declared null and void, Mr. Brydges and Dr. Hunt dissenting. —*fo.* 183.

Mr. Eldridge Aris's letter, resigning his place as priest-vicar, was read and accepted.

1722, Oct. 20.—Nine vicars-choral attended, and the chapter proposed Mr. Edward Johnson, clerk, as a vicar-choral. All the vicars, except Mr. Perry, agreed to this, and retired to their common hall to make an act of the resignation of

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Mr. Aris. Soon after, Mr. Long, the receiver of the vicars, came back and acquainted the dean and chapter that Mr. Perry had refused to admit them into their common-hall or to suffer a hall to be called. Mr. Perry was sent for, and admonished, as one of the principals of Close Hall, immediately to call a hall and to admit the rest of the vicars thereto, which he absolutely refused to do. In the afternoon the said nine vicars again attended, and said that a hall had been called by Mr. Gravell, one of their principals, at which all except Perry agreed to accept Mr. Aris's resignation. The chapter again proposed Mr. Johnson, who was admitted. Mr. Perry was suspended from all emoluments, fees, etc., as a vicar-choral, until Christmas, and further until he shall make satisfaction. —*fos.* 183*d*–185.

1722, Nov. 14.—Mr. Hill, vicar-choral, is deprived of his office and his place declared vacant, for neglecting for a long time to do his duty and attend as a vicar at divine service in the cathedral, and for contemptuously refusing to appear before the chapter and receive an admonition to that purpose. —*fo.* 185.

1722, Nov. 15.—The vicars appeared, and were informed that Mr. Hill's place was vacant, and warned not to receive him hereafter as a vicar.—*fo.* 186.

1722, Dec. 1.—William Gannet, B.A., installed in the prebend of Combe V, on the death of Francis Prowde, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 186*d*.

1722, Dec. 12.—William Healy, esq., appointed clerk of the courts, in place of William Malet, amoved, at a yearly stipend of 56*s*. 8*d*. [Also Ledger, 1701–1739, *p.* 234.]—*fo.* 187*d*.

1722–3, Feb. 8.—Thomas Biggs, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Dultingcott *alias* Thinghurst, on the death of Gabriel Thistlethwaite, pursuant to mandate of the bishop. —*fo.* 189.

1722–3, Feb. 16.—Mr. Farwell Perry, clerk, one of the vicars-choral, was suspended from all emoluments until the next general quarterly chapter on April 1 next, for his great neglect of duty and contemptuous conduct; he must attend regularly in the mean time.—*fo.* 189*d*.

1723, March 30.—Edward Burton, B.A., installed in the prebend of Taunton, on the death of Barbar Bevans, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 190*d*.

1723, April 1.—Mr. Farwell Perry is amoved from the vicars-choral; the other vicars were warned not to receive him as a vicar.—*fo.* 191.

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1723, April 20.—Mr. Perry appealed to the bishop, who wrote to request that the chapter would ask one of their body to let him know what day would be convenient to them for the appeal to be heard.*—*fo.* 192.

1723, June 22.—John Tazwell, B.A., installed in the prebend of Combe IX, on the death of William Chetle, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 193.

1723, July 1.—In future when any person is buried in the cathedral, the sum of 2*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, being the fees due to the vicars and choristers for singing the corps into the church, shall be paid whether the corps is sung in or not.—*fo.* 194*d.*

Dr. Archer complained that several books had lately been taken out of the library. Ordered, that he should take an account of what books were missing, and make a new catalogue.

Henry Penny, B.A., presented to the rectory of Shipham, on the death of Thomas Randolph ; nominated by Dr. Archer. —*fo.* 195.

1723, July 11.—William Healy, esq., appointed auditor of the dean and chapter, in place of William Malet, deceased. —*fo.* 196.

1723, Aug. 31.—Samuel Catherall, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe VI, on the death of Thomas Randolph, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 196*d.*

Accounts of Henry Layng, S.T.P., Communar and Receiver-General, 1722–23.

Payments : 1*l.* to Dr. Archer for a sermon on April 25, for public thanksgiving; 1*l.* 1*s.* to Mr. Broderip for anthems; 2*s.* 8*d.* to Robert Teek for repairing the chimes ; 10*l.* to the Charity School of Wells.

Accounts of Henry Layng, S.T.P., Archdeacon of Wells and Canon Residentiary, Master or Keeper of the Fabric, 1722–23.

Receipts : 1*l.* 10*s.* for burials, no names.
Payments : 23*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.* to workmen for repairs.

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1723, Nov. 14.—Mr. Lessey to wait on the bishop to request a copy of his lordship's decree and act upon Mr. Perry's appeal concerning his expulsion by the dean and chapter, in order that it may be recorded in their book of acts.—*fo.* 200.

1723, Nov. 14.—Whereas a dispute hath arisen between the worshipfull the dean and chapter of the cathedrall church

* There is no note of any hearing or judgment.

of Wells and Francis Collins of Wiveliscombe in the county of Somersett, gentleman, purchaser from the family of the Sandfords, who claimed from the family of the Aishfords, of the remains of the mannor of Knapp, within the parish of North Curry in the said county, touching the exercising the office of bayliffe of the hundred of North Curry and the fees and perquisites thereunto belonging; and also touching the right and title of the fair and markets and prison-house of North Curry aforesaid—Collins, for good consideration, releases and quit-claims, for himself and his heirs, to the dean and chapter and their successors, all his right, title and claim to the premises, all of which are in the peaceable possession of the dean and chapter, and they release and discharge Collins, his heirs and assigns, from all duties in respect of the office of bailiff of the said hundred.—[Ledger, 1701–1739, *p.* 256.]

1723, Dec. 3.—Lease to John Norton of Wells, hosier, for 3 lives, of a tenement in Grope lane, Wells, parcel of their manor called Cannon Grange. Lessee to do suit of court at Cannon Barn twice a year.—[Ledger, 1701–1739, *p.* 260.]

1723, Dec. 5.—Thomas Westley, M.A., installed in the prebend of Ashill, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 201.

1723–4, March 5.—Lawson Hudlestone, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wanstrow, on the death of William Lucey, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 202*d.*

1724, May 18.—Ordered that six volumes of Rymer's *Fœdera* be purchased to complete the set given to the library by the hon. Dr. Grahme, late dean.—*fo.* 203*d.*

1724, June 8.—The proposal of Thomas Swarbrick, organ maker, some time since offered to the chapter, was produced and read, as follows:

First, there is a necessity of having three new bellows, the old ones being so decayed that there is no keeping them together to hold wind; and also to work the sound boards anew, and to make new palletts or movements in the wind-chests, to hold the wind close together; and also to make three new sets of keys, the old ones being so worn 'tis hardly possible to make use of them; and to make two new stopped diapasons, which will consist of 102 pipes, and likewise a stopped flute of 51 pipes, the old ones being so rotten 'tis impossible to make them speak in tone or tune. There is much want of new conveyances, the old ones being so much bruised and broken that it is not worth while to mend them.

All which work before mentioned I will do in a workmanlike manner for the sum of 146*l.*, or will leave it to any skilfull

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artist of your own choosing to judge my reward, and will go about the work when you please.

This was accepted by the dean and chapter.—*fo.* 204.

1724, June 10.—Michael Hunt, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wedmore V, on the death of Peter Webb, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 204*d.*

Accounts of William Hunt, S.T.P., Archdeacon of Bath and Canon Residentiary, Master or Keeper of the Fabric, 1723–24.

Receipts: 2*l.* 10*s.* for burials, no names.

Payments: 183*l.* 6*s.* 4½*d.* to workmen for repairs.

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1724, Oct. 24.—Escott Richards, M.A., installed in the prebend of Lytton, on the death of Thomas Cheyney, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 208*d.*

1724, Oct. 30.—John Rogers, S.T.P., prebendary of Combe VII, sub-dean, is chosen and admitted a canon residentiary, on the death of Thomas Cheyney, S.T.P.; he paid 100 marks caution money.—*fo.* 209.

1724, Oct. 31.—Dr. [John] Rogers collated to the canonical house at the east side of Canon Barn, lately occupied by Dr. [Thomas] Cheyney, and now void by his death. [Also Ledger, 1701–1739, *p.* 279.]—*fo.* 210.

1724, Nov. 21.—Henry Merewether installed in the prebend of Wedmore III, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.

1724–5, Jan. 4.—Henry Gandy [or Gaudy], B.A., appointed to the vicarage of Pucklechurch, with the chapels of Westerleigh and Abston annexed, on the death of Henry Berrow; nominated by Dr. Archer.—*fo.* 212.

1724–5, Feb. 17.—Robert Westcott, B.A., appointed to the rectory of East Lambrook, on the death of John Constantine; nominated by Dr. Archer.—*fo.* 212*d.*

1725, April 1.—John Tottenham, M.A., installed in the prebend of Holcomb, on the death of Charles Jones, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 213*d.*

1725, April 13.—Robert Woodford, LL.B., priest of the English church, installed as treasurer of the cathedral church, on the death of Benjamin Ibbott, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 214.

1725, April 30.—James Bacon, the junior clerk, is reprimanded for keeping horses and sheep in the Palm Churchyard

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and allowing them to come into the church and cloisters; no horses, sheep or cattle are to feed in the Palm Churchyard in future.—*fo.* 214*d.*

The occupiers of houses having doors into the great churchyard are to be warned that if they suffer any coal, ashes, grains or rubbish from their houses to be placed in the said churchyard, their doors will be stopped up.

1725, Aug. 6.—Whereas the clock bell that formerly hung in the pinnacle tower was in 1714 taken down and cast into the 6th bell, called Harewell; ordered that a new bell be forthwith procured and put up in the pinnacle tower.*—*fo.* 217.

Accounts of William Hunt, S.T.P., Communar and Receiver-General, 1724–25.

Payments: 22*l.* 7*s.* 1½*d.* for Rymer's *Fœdera.*

Accounts of William Hunt, S.T.P., Master or Keeper of the Fabric, 1724–25.

Receipts: 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for burials, no names.

Payments: 209*l.* 12*s.* 8½*d.* to workmen for repairs; 21*l.* to Mr. Swarbrick for repairs to the organ, over and above his yearly 8*l.*

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1725–6, March 18.—The tenants of the twelve houses in New Works, having doors into the churchyard and rails opposite their doors, have leave to move their rails out to the trees planted and the gravel walk lately made; the rails must be uniform with those set up by Mr. Chancellor Pope, and 1*s.* additional rent must be paid by each house.—*fo.* 4.

1725–6, March 24.—John Jenkins, M.A., prebendary of Combe XII, collated to the canonical house in the liberty, late Mr. Thomas Lessey's. John Jenkins elected and admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100 marks caution money; he is not to have any commodity, except quotidians, nor to begin residence, before Oct. 1, 1727.—*fos.* 5, 6*d.*

1726, June 11.—The great book marked number 3, containing several of the dean and chapter's records from the year 1115 to 1240, is to be sent to London for production before the barons of the exchequer in a cause between Thomas Vaugham [*sic*] *v.* John Godwin and others.—*fo.* 10.

A rail is to be put up from the small west door of the cathedral to the west cloister door, to prevent the playing of ball there against the church wall.

* The volume ends here.

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1726, July 2.—The south east pinnacle tower, being very much decayed, shall be forthwith taken down and rebuilt.—*fo.* 12.

Another gravel walk to be made on the north side of the churchyard and a row of trees planted there, to match those on the south side.

Notice shall be given to the trustees appointed by the will of Mr. Philip Hodges, late of the city of Wells, deceased, that if they intend to make use of the house lately built by the said Mr. Hodges on the dean and chapter's ground within the liberty of the cathedral church, and now used as a charity school (for which purpose it was erected), that they apply to the dean and chapter before the next Lady Day, and accept from them a lease thereof for such a term and on such conditions as shall be then agreed on.—*fo.* 12*d.*

1726, July 16.—Thomas Camplin, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe III, on the death of Mr. Lessey, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 13.

Accounts of Edmund Archer, S.T.P., Communar, 1725–26.

Payments: 10*l.* to Mr. Marshal Brydges for the use of the school instituted for teaching poor children, *ex gracia decani et capituli*; 1*l.* 1*s.* to the governor of Mount Libanus, recommended by the dean and Dr. Creyghton; 10*l.* to Mr. Creyghton, the schoolmaster; 20*l.* to Mr. Broadrip, organist; 10*s.* to Symon Collins, the quirister, for the manuscript of magna charta, which his father presented to the library; 10*s.* to Mrs. Lessey's servant who brought the books which her husband gave by will to the library; 2*s.* 6*d.* to Mr. Gravil for inscribing the donation in the titles of those books; 5*l.* to the vicars of Close Hall to defray their expenses in repairing windows in the passage between the hall and the church; 3*l.* 6*s.* for 4 paper books in which the copies of the Parliament surveys are to be transcribed, and 10*l.* to Mr. Sutton for transcribing them.

Accounts of Edmund Archer, S.T.P., Keeper of the Fabric, 1725–26.

Receipts: Burials, William Sherston, gent., 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and 3*s.* 4*d.* for bell; Catherine dau. of William Baron, esq., the like; John Penny's wife, 13*s.* 4*d.*; the bishop's wife, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; 3*s.* 4*d.* each for bell at burials of Joan Teek and Charles Penny's son.

Payments: 2*s.* 6*d.* for a key to the cloister gate over against the palace, for the bishop's use; 1*l.* 6*s.* for 6 new candlesticks, 2 for the dean's gallery, 2 for the canons' wives' gallery, and 2 for the "grates"; 2*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.* for ironwork of the new gate at the north door and for fastening the loose pinnacles of the great tower; removing the lime trees on the north side of the

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churchyard nearer the wall, various payments ; 1*s.* to the men to drink when they sawed in sunder the thick stone over the place where Mr. Lessey was buried, which was afterwards used in mending the pavement of the church ; 24*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* to Mr. Cuff for fitting the hammer to the new clock bell and for mending the clock chimes and jacks ; 12*s.* for two ropes for the bells in the pinnacle tower ; gave the freemasons of Doulting to drink when they were framing the stones for the new pinnacle ; 8*l.* 14*s.* for free-stone for the pinnacle and for labour ; 11*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* for taking down and putting up the south east pinnacle ; 7*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.* for iron clamps for the new pinnacle and the old ones, and for bolts and other ironwork in hanging the 5 bells in Bishop Harewell's tower ; 6*d.* for twine to bind the loose parchments in the muniment room and audit room ; payments to the ringers on these occasions—Christmas, Feb. 6 (Queen Anne's birthday), March 8 (her "inauguration"), Easter, Whitsunday, May 28 (his majesty's birthday), May 29 (the restoration of Charles II), Aug. 1 (his majesty's inauguration), Oct. 20 (ditto coronation), Nov. 5.

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1726, Dec. 7.—Edmund Archer, S.T.P., installed in the archdeaconry of Wells, on the death of Henry Layng, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 16.

1726, Dec. 8.—George Atwood, S.T.B., installed in the archdeaconry of Taunton, on the resignation of Edmund Archer, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 17.

1726, Dec. 20.—John Potter, M.A., installed in the prebend of Whitchurch, on the resignation of George Atwood, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 18.

1726–7, Jan. 2.—Timothy Collins, M.A., appointed to the vicarage of Buckland Abbas, on the death of William Lyster ; nominated by Dr. Rogers.

1726–7, Jan. 3.—Lawson Hudleston, M.A., prebendary of Wanstrow, elected a canon residentiary, on the death of Henry Layng, S.T.P., archdeacon of Wells ; he paid 100 marks caution money ; he is not to receive any commodity, except quotidians, nor to begin residence, before October 1 next.—*fo.* 20*d.*

1726–7, Jan. 4.—Certain sums in the accounts of the escheator, master of the fabric and communar, some of which had been carried forward from 1661, were ordered to be written off as irrecoverable.—*fo.* 22.

1726–7, Jan. 12.—Thomas Hunt, M.A., installed in the prebend of Whitelackington, on the resignation of John Potter, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 23.

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1726–7, Feb. 13.—Thomas Gravill, one of the vicars-choral, appointed sub-treasurer of the cathedral church, on the death of William Broderip; nominated by Robert Woodford, LL.B., the treasurer.—*fo.* 24.

1726–7, Feb. 27.—William Evans admitted a vicar-choral for his year of probation, and appointed organist and master of the choristers in place of William Broderip, deceased, at a salary of 20*l.* a year as organist and the usual salaries and profits as such master.—*fo.* 24*d.*

1727, April 17.—The communar is ordered to pay until further order 7*s.* a week to Mrs. Broadrip [*sic*], widow of the late organist, for the support of herself and her 10 children. —*fo.* 27.

Charles Prowse, esq., is appointed clerk of the courts of the dean and chapter, and auditor, on the death of William Healy. Mr. Selleck, an attorney at Taunton, shall keep the next court at North Curry, in the absence of Mr. Prowse. —*fo.* 27*d.*

1727, May 13.—Samuel Coopey, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe XI, on the death of Wykes Huntley, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 28.

1727, July 1.—The communar is ordered to pay 10 guineas to the town clerk of the city of Wells, as a gift towards repairing the assize hall.—*fo.* 29.

Accounts of Edmund Archer, S.T.P., Communar, 1726–27.

Payments: 10*s.* to "Paul ben Hobbie, a native of Damascus, recommended by Mr. Dadichi [?], Professor of the Arabian language to the Society *de propaganda fide* at London, and by Gennadius, Archi-Mandrite of Alexandria, now residing in London"; 2*s.* 6*d.* to Dennis Cotar and 7 other Frenchmen of the *Mermaid*, cast away on the Isle of Man; 10*l.* to Mr. Brydges for the charity school; 10*l.* to Mr. Creyghton as schoolmaster and 2*l.* as librarian; 10*l.* to William Broderip, organist, half year; 10*l.* to William Evans, organist, half year; 2*l.* 2*s.* to Mr. Joseph Millard for playing the organ at Christmas, when Mr. Brodrip was sick, and, after his death, until the election of a new organist; 2*l.* 2*s.* to Richard Tucker for entering Mr. Lessy's books in the catalogue in the library, and for writing three tables, and making many alterations in the catalogue; 10*s.* to the late bishop's servants who brought the boxes of books given to the library from the palace to my house; 1*l.* 13*s.* to Mr. Nickells for pricking 33 sheets on the choir books; 2*l.* 2*s.* "for transcribing index's to the Parliament Survey in the Legier Book"; 2*l.* 2*s.* to Mr. Nooth "for inscribing the donation in the titles of the books given to the library by the late bishop, and for entring them in the parchment catalogue in the library."

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Accounts of Edmund Archer, S.T.P., Keeper of the Fabric, 1726–27.

Receipts: Burials, Mrs. Cupper, and bell, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Mr. Burland's son, ditto; William Healy, esq., ditto; Mrs. Catherine Layng, ditto; bell for Mary Court, Dr. Creyghton's servant, 3*s.* 4*d.*; for Dr. Morris's grave, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; "for the marble stone over the grave of Mrs. Hooper, the bishop's lady," 8*l.*

Payments: 1*l.* 6*s.* for 26 lime trees, and various payments for planting them on the north side; 15*s.* to the ringers on the Princess of Wales's birthday; May 19, 19*s.* for washing the whole body of the church after the great rain, and for washing the "isles" of the church and fetching the water out of the Palm Churchyard; 1*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* "for taking down the wall in the churchyard over against Mrs. Healy's and stopping up the old one at Brown's Gate; 13*s.* 6*d.* for raising the ground in the Lady Chapel where Bishop Button's coffin was taken up; June 26, 15*s.* to the ringers when the king was proclaimed; 6*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.* for the cloth of the judges' seat in the choir and for a new curtain over against the pulpit; July 31, 1*s.* 6*d.* for washing the north side of the church after the great rain; 1*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* for repairing the boghouse at the grammar school and for raising the step at the north gate of the church to keep out the rain; 4*s.* for assisting to saw the great stones taken out of the bishop's grave; 19*s.* 3*d.* for levelling and mending the floor of the church and in bishop Bubbewith's chapel, and sawing the stones for that use; 1*s.* 6*d.* for cleaning the church after the storm of rain, Sept. 2.

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1727, Oct. 2.—Robert Creyghton, M.A., presented to the vicarage of Burnham, on the death of John Bewer; nominated by Dr. Creyghton.—*fo.* 31*d.*

1727, Oct. 7.—Mr. John Pope, the chancellor of the diocese, presented the king's *congé d'élire* on the death of the late Bishop George Hooper. The king's letter, dated Sept. 28, recommending Dr. John Wynne, bishop of St. Asaph, was read.—*fo.* 32.

1727, Oct. 13.—Election of Dr. Wynne as bishop of Bath and Wells.—*fo.* 34*d.*

1727, Nov. 23.—Dr. John Rogers, the sub-dean, elected proctor for the synod summoned for December 1st.—*fo.* 36*d.*

1727, Dec. 7.—Installation, induction and enthronization of Dr. Wynne as bishop.—*fo.* 38*d.*

1727, Dec. 13.—Appointment of Thomas Prowse of Wells, esq., as game-keeper or keeper of the game within the manors

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of Winscombe, Shipham and Bidisham, co. Somerset, with license and authority to keep and use any dogs or engines for taking and killing game ; during the pleasure of the dean and chapter.—[Ledger, 1701–1739, *p.* 398.]

1727–8, Jan. 5.—Mr. Creyghton, the master of the grammar school, having resigned, Mr. Brydges, the chancellor, nominated and presented John Gaylard, clerk, M.A.—*fo.* 40*d.*

1727–8, Jan. 27.—John Creed, S.T.P., installed in the prebend of East Harptry, on the death of John Taylor, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 41.

1727–8, Jan. 31.—Dr. Archer, archdeacon of Wells, appointed keeper of the library.—*fo.* 41*d.*

1727–8, March 23.—Francis Franklyn, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe II, on the death of John Perry, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 42*d.*

1728, June 16.—Ordered that the partition in the library room be taken down for enlarging the same, by adding thereto three desks or places for the reception of the books given by the late lord bishop Hooper.—*fo.* 44.

1728, June 18.—Roger Humphreys, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe X, on the death of John Rio, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 44*d.*

1728, July 1.—John Gaylard, M.A., admitted as schoolmaster.—*fo.* 45.

1728, Aug. 26.—Roger Humphreys, M.A., installed as chancellor of the cathedral church, on the death of Marshal Brydges.—*fo.* 47*d.*

1728, Aug. 27.—John Pope, M.A., installed in the prebend of St. Decuman, on the death of Marshall Brydges, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 48.

Robert Creyghton, M.A., installed in the prebend of Timberscomb, on the resignation of John Pope, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 48*d.*

1728, Aug. 31.—Richard Healy, M.A., installed in the prebend of Dinder, on the resignation of Robert Creyghton, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 49.

1728, Aug. 30.—Roger Humphreys, the chancellor, elected a canon residentiary ; he paid 100*l.* caution money. He shall not receive any commodity (except quotidians) nor begin residence before October 1, 1729.—*fo.* 50*d.*

1727–1728.

1728, Sept. 10.—Guy Clinton, N.P., and John Wynne, gent., are appointed to the office of registrar to the bishop and scribe of the acts to the bishop, for their lives and that of the survivor.—*fo.* 52.

Accounts of John Rogers, S.T.P., Communar, 1727–28.

Payments: 10*l.* to Mr. Brydges for the charity school; 5*l.* to Mr. Creyghton, the schoolmaster, half year, and 10*s.* as librarian, one quarter; 10*l.* to Mr. Gaylard, the schoolmaster, half year; 30*s.* to Dr. Archer, librarian, three quarters; 10*l.* to Mr. Gutch, a gift of the dean and chapter towards repairing the Town [?] house for the reception of the judges.

Accounts of John Rogers, S.T.P., Keeper of the Fabric, 1727–28.

Receipts: Burials; 13*s.* 4*d.* Mrs. Webb, 10*s.* Mr. Oglethorp, 1*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Baron, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mrs. Kidder.

Payments: To the ringers, 1*l.* at the coronation, 1*l.* for the lord bishop, 1*l.* for the king's birthday, 1*l.* Nov. 5; 1*l.* 1*s.* to Mr. Evans for a funeral service; 15*l.* to Mr. Fry for painting and repairing the horologe; 16*s.* to Dr. Archer for anthems from Oxford; 8*l.* 8*s.* for 12 common prayer books.

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1728, Oct. 1.—Moses Foster, B.A., presented to the vicarage of Long Sutton, on the death of Christopher Westerdale; nominated by Mr. Humphries.—*fo.* 54.

1728, Dec. 16.—John Paine junior, the chapter clerk, appointed sub-commoner and under-master of the fabric.—*fo.* 54*d.*

1728–9, Jan. 2.—William Watts appointed clerk of the cathedral, on the death of William Lane; nominated by Mr. Robert Woodford, the treasurer.—*fo.* 56*d.*

1729, June 3.—Timothy Collins, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe VII, on the death of John Rogers, S.T.P., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 61.

1729, June 18.—Timothy Collins installed as sub-dean, on the death of John Rogers, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 61*d.*

1729, June 19.—The canonical house vacant by the death of Dr. Rogers, was given to Mr. Collins, the sub-dean; [the house on the east side of the Canon Barn, *fo.* 65].—*fo.* 64.

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1729, June 20.—Timothy Collins admitted a canon residentiary, on the death of John Rogers ; he paid 100 marks ; he is not to receive any commodity, except quotidians, nor begin his residence before Oct. 1, 1720.—*fo.* 62*d.*

Accounts of John Rogers, S.T.P., and John Jenkins, M.A., Communars, 1728–29.

Payments : 10*l.* to the charity school ; 10*l.* to Mr. Gaylard, the schoolmaster ; 2*l.* to Dr. Archer, librarian ; 10*s.* to the boys that declaimed at the Grammar School, Feb. 20 ; 14*s.* 6*d.* for 2 of Dr. Aldrick's anthems from Oxford ; 4*s.* for binding Dr. Bernard's *Josephus* ; 5*s.* for carrying bishop Hooper's books from Dr. Archer's house to the library ; 5*s.* for wax used to seal the instruments relating to the election of the bishop.

Accounts of John Rogers, S.T.P., deceased, and John Jenkins, M.A., Keepers of the Fabric, 1728–29.

Receipts : Burials, 1*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Clinton and bell, 1*l.* 10*s.* Mrs. Cooper and bell, 1*l.* Mrs. Paine.

Payments : 10*l.* to Mr. Fry for painting the west window ; 65*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.* to Thomas Parfitt for enlarging the library.

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1729, Oct. 25.—John Wynne, notary public, and Peter Davis junior, gent., appointed registrars to the bishop for their lives and the life of the survivor.—*fo.* 68*d.*

1729–30, Jan. 2.—John Tottenham, M.A., presented to the vicarage of Chedder, and to the rectory or chapelry of Allerton, on the death of Mr. Aris ; nominated by Dr. Archer.—*fo.* 70*d.*

1729–30, Jan. 12.—John Chorley appointed clerk of the cathedral, on the death of William Watts ; nominated by Mr. Woodford, the treasurer.—*fo.* 72*d.*

1730, April 1.—The salary of James Curtis, the first clerk, to be increased to 8*l.*, as from Oct. 1 last ; "the said James Curtis disclaiming all pretensions of providing surprices [*sic*] for the prebendarys when they attend the service of the church."—*fo.* 74.

1730, May 29.—The executors of Dr. Morris, late deceased, are hereby permitted to erect a monument for him (now lodged in this church) at the east end of the altar against the door there, opposite the grave where the said Dr. Morris lies interred, his said executors making good and repairing all damages that may happen on that account, and also at their own charge and expense putting up another door in the place and stead of that which on this occasion will be stopped up, in some other place, for the passage to the back part of the altar, as the dean and chapter shall appoint.—*fo.* 74*d.*

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1730, June 16.—John Wicksted, B.A., installed in the prebend of Combe VIII, on the death of Eldridge Aris, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 75.

1730, July 31.—Edmund Lovell, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wedmore II, on the death of Matthew Hole, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 76*d.*

Accounts of John Jenkins, M.A., Keeper of the Fabric and Communar, 1729–30.

It is agreed that the keeping of two sets of accounts is useless and inconvenient, and that henceforth the same person shall execute both offices and keep one set of accounts.

Receipts: Burials, 1*l.* 10*s.* Mrs. Katherine Thompson and bell, 10*s.* Mrs. Northcott and bell (in the cloister), 16*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Kingston and bell, 1*l.* 10*s.* Mrs. Prestwood and bell.

Payments: 10*l.* to Mr. Gravill for the charity school; 5*l.* for the church Bible; 5*l.* 11*s.* for new pricking Dr. Aldrich's and Dr. Creyghton's services which were stolen out of the church; 1*l.* 1*s.* to the scholars at the Lent exercises; 6*d.* to the bellman for crying the stolen choir-books.

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1730–1, Jan. 19.—The communer is to pay Mr. Cobb of Winscomb 10*l.* towards the charity school intended to be set up in that parish, in case the design thereof goes on.—*fo.* 82*d.*

1730–1, Jan. 20.—Thomas Ford, M.A., installed in the prebend of St. Decuman, on the death of John Pope, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 83.

1730–1, Jan. 25.—Charles Gardiner, S.T.B., installed in the prebend of Wedmore IV, on the resignation of Thomas Ford, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 83*d.*

1730–1, Feb. 1.—Thomas Eyre, M.A., appointed vicar-general of the bishop, for life.—*fo.* 84.

1731, May 6.—Charles Gardiner, prebendary of Wedmore IV, installed in the canonical house in the east part of the liberty, late in the occupation of John Jenkins, canon residentiary, deceased.—*fo.* 87.

Charles Gardiner, prebendary of Wedmore IV, elected a canon residentiary; he paid 100 marks caution money; he is not to receive any commodity (except quotidians) nor to begin residence, before Oct. 1, 1732.—*fo.* 88.

Accounts of John Jenkins, M.A., Keeper of the Fabric and Communar, to May 7, 1731.

Receipts: Burials, 10*s.* Mr. John Pope (in the cloister) and bell, 16*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Francis Day and bell.

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Payments: 10*l.* to Mr. Gravil for the charity school; 3*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* to Mr. Evans, the organist, for a new service by him composed, and approved by Dr. Creyghton, and by his direction entered in the choir books.

JOHN JENKINS and LAWSON HUDLESTON, M.A., to Sept. 29, 1731.

Receipts: Burials, 10*s.* Mr. Judge (in the cloister) and bell; various payments for digging gravel in the churchyard, planting trees in the new walk, watering them and filling up the gravel pit; 1*l.* to the boys of the grammar school, "at speaking their public exercise," July 5.

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1731, Oct. 16.—Francis White, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe XII, on the death of John Jenkins, M.A., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 92.

1731, Oct. 27.—Thomas Jenkins, M.A., installed in the prebend of Milverton II, on the death of Samuel Farthing, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 93.

1731–2, March 6.—Matthew Evans appointed clerk of the cathedral church, on the death of John Charley; nominated by Robert Woodford, LL.B., the treasurer.—*fo.* 95.

1732, April 1.—Ordered that within a month from this time the dean and chapter will meet and consult about the defect in the arch over the body of the church, where it appears to be spread and widened; notice to be given to the absent canons.—*fo.* 96.

Complaints were made that Mr. Eyre, the bishop's chancellor, had been granting marriage licenses within the peculiars of the dean and chapter and the archdeaconry of Wells.—*fo.* 96*d.*

1732, April 22.—Mr. Ford, one of the priest-vicars, stated that on Tuesday last Mr. Eyre, the bishop's chancellor, told him that he had already forbid Mr. Lovell and Mr. Franklyn, two other priest-vicars, to marry any person in the cathedral but by license from the bishop, and that he then forbade him (Ford) marrying any persons by virtue of any license from the dean and chapter, or any other but the bishop, under the penalty of suspension for three years, denying that the dean or dean and chapter had any authority for granting licenses. Mr. Lovell testified to the same effect. The priest-vicars were instructed to continue marrying on licenses from the dean or dean and chapter, as they had usually done.—*fo.* 97*d.*

1732, May 25.—Stephen Hunt, B.A., appointed to the vicarage of North Curry, with the chapel of West Hatch,

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on the death of Ezra Peirce; nominated by Dr. Hunt.—*fo.* 98*d.*

The roof of the nave is in some danger, if not speedily repaired; the master of the fabric is empowered to take steps to secure the same.

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Receipts: Burials, 1*l.* 10*s.* Capt. Maxwell and bell, 10*s.* Mr. Jenkins and bell, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Chancellor Eyre's child, no bell, 16*s.* 8*d.* Mrs. Kingston and bell, 10*s.* Mr. Westley's child and bell, 13*s.* 4*d.* Mr. Penny, 3*s.* 4*d.* bell for Mr. Urch's [?] child.

Payments: 12*s.* for 3 yew trees and planting them in the Palm Churchyard.

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1732, Nov. 16.—Notice is to be given to Mr. Hughes, the lessee of the parsonage of South Barrow, to repair the chancel of the parish church forthwith.—*fo.* 103.

Robert Woodford, LL.B., the treasurer, is admitted a canon residentiary, on the death of Charles Gardiner; he paid 100*l.* caution money; he shall not have any commodity, except quotidians, nor begin his residence before Oct. 1, 1733.—*fo.* 103*d.*

1732–3, Jan. 10.—Robert Creyghton, M.A., installed in the prebend of Timberscomb, on the death of Robert Creyghton, [D.D.], pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 106.

1732–3, Jan. 15.—William Harris, B.A., presented to the vicarage of Burnham, on the death of Robert Creyghton; nominated by the dean.—*fo.* 106*d.*

1732–3, Jan. 26.—Laurence Saintlo, S.T.P., installed in the prebend of Wedmore IV, on the death of Charles Gardiner, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 107.

1732–3, Feb. 8.—Francis White, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wormestre, on the death of Richard Codrington, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 107*d.*

1732–3, Feb. 20.—The consent of the chapter given to a bill now depending in parliament for inclosing the fields, downs and common grounds in the tithings of Buckland, Newton, Mintern parva and Knowle, in the parish of Buckland Abbas, co. Dorset.—*fo.* 108.

1732–3, Feb. 23.—Robert Farne (?) and John Dounny (?) appointed attorneys to attend before the committees of both Houses of Parliament, and to give the consent of the dean

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and chapter to a bill, now depending, for inclosing and dividing the common fields, downs and common grounds in the tithings of Buckland, Newton, Minterne Parva and Knowle, in the parish of Buckland Newton *alias* Buckland Abbas, co. Dorset. —[Ledger, 1701–1739, *p.* 580.]

1733, July 12.—John Baily, M.A., installed in the prebend of the Twelfth Combe, on the resignation of Francis White, D.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 111*d.*

1733, Sept. 5.—Lawson Hudleston, M.A., installed in the archdeaconry of Bath, on the death of William Hunt, D.D. —*fo.* 112.

Mr. Sub-dean [Timothy] Collins collated to the canonical house on the west part of Canon Barn, late in the possession of William Hunt, D.D., archdeacon of Bath, deceased.— *fo.* 112*d.*

Accounts of Lawson Hudleston, M.A., Keeper of the Fabric and Communar, 1732–33.

Receipts : Burials, 1*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Creyghton's daughter and bell, 1*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Creyghton and bell, 1*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Paine and bell, 10*s.* Stephen Grinder (in the cloister) and bell, 1*l.* 10*s.* Mrs. White and bell, 1*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Burland's child and bell, 1*l.* 10*s.* Mrs. Prowse and bell ; 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* to Mr. Evans, the organist, for anthems and a large organ-book ; 2*l.* 9*s.* to Mr. Penny for new making one of the verges ; 2*l.* 2*s.* to two priests from Constantinople, begging alms for the redemption of Christian slaves in Turkey ; 8*l.* 8*s.* to Mr. Ireton for surveying the roof of the church, having been sent for to that purpose.

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1733, Oct. 1.—Francis White, D.D., admitted a canon residentiary ; he paid 100 marks caution money ; he shall not receive any profit, except quotidians, nor begin his residence before Oct. 1, 1734.—*fo.* 116*d.*

1733, Oct. 2.—Mr. Treasurer [Robert] Woodford collated to the canonical house on the east part of Canon Barn, late voided by Mr. Subdean Collins, [formerly in the tenure of John Rogers, D.D., deceased] ; and Dr. White to the canonical house on the east part of the liberty, lately voided by Mr. Woodford. [Also Ledger, 1701–1739, *p.* 598.]—*fo.* 117*d.*

1733, Nov. 6.—Nicholas Baker, M.A., installed in the prebend of Ilton, on the death of William Hunt, D.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 118*d.*

1733, Nov. 7.—Mr. Humphries, chancellor and canon residentiary, presented to the vicarage of Bishop's Lydeard,

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on the death of Mr. Geale; nominated by Mr. Treasurer Woodford.—*fo.* 120.

1733, Dec. 5.—Mr. Ireton, master builder, to have 8 guineas for surveying the roof of the church.—*fo.* 121.

1733–4, Jan. 8.—Isaac Maddox, D.D., installed in the deanery of Wells, vacant by the death of Matthew Brailsford, D.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 122.

1733–4, Jan. 11.—Dr. Maddox, the dean, admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100*l.* caution money; he shall not receive any profit, except quotidians, nor begin his residence before Oct. 1, 1734.—*fo.* 123.

1733–4, Jan. 12.—An intimation is to be fixed on the door of the library belonging to this church that unless the books now taken out of it be returned and brought back in a fortnight, a new lock will be put on the door. No person who is allowed a key to the said library shall for the future take any books out of it without first acknowledging, under hand, the borrowing of such book or books, in a paper book to be kept by the librarian for that purpose.—*fo.* 124.

1733–4, March 9.—James Knight installed in the dignity of the precentorship, on the death of Robert Creyghton, D.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 126*d.*

1734, April 1.—George Bryan, clerk, M.A., appointed schoolmaster of the dean and chapter's school within the liberty of St. Andrew, on the resignation of Mr. John Gaylard; nominated by Mr. Chancellor Humphries.—*fo.* 128.

1734, June 13.—Mr. Chancellor Humphries appointed proctor of the dean and chapter, to appear in their name in the chapter house of St. Paul's Cathedral on June 21st.—*fo.* 128*d.*

1734, July 2.—Lease to James, Duke of Chandos, etc., for 3 lives, of the rectory of St. Cuthbert, Wells.—[Ledger, 1701–1739, *p.* 614.]

1734, July 5.—Ordered that Mr. Dean be desired to write to such of the dignitaries and prebendaries of the church as exercise ecclesiastical jurisdiction and claim liberty to prove wills, having no known nor certain registers nor public place to keep their records in, forthwith to exhibit into the registry of the dean and chapter of Wells every original testament, remaining with them or their notary, of every person deceased and by them proved in their several peculiar jurisdictions, or true copies of every such testament, examined, subscribed

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and sealed by the peculiar judge and his notary, and to continue so to do from year to year, as by the 126 canon is directed. A press for the safe custody of such wills and testaments is to be erected in the north end of the audit-room or registry of the dean and chapter.—*fo.* 130*d.*

The chapter clerk is to draw up a schedule of all the churches and parishes that are under the peculiar jurisdiction of the dean, the dean and chapter, or the dignitaries and prebendaries, and to deliver it to the bishop's register or his deputy, so that they may not through ignorance be any ways accessory to the infringement thereof.

1734, July 6.—Hasting Lloyd, M.A., installed in the prebend of Compton Dundon, on the resignation of Thomas Eyre, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 131.

1734, Aug. 10.—Robert Wake, M.A., installed in the prebend of Yatton, on the death of Robert Creyghton, D.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 132*d.*

1734, Sept. 14.—Francis Squire, M.A., installed in the prebend of Warmister, on the death of James Taylor.—*fo.* 134.

Accounts of Roger Humphries, M.A., Keeper of the Fabric and Communar, 1733–34.

Receipts: Burials, 10*s.* Mr. Marchant's wife and bell, 1*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* Mr. Brown and bell.

Payments: 2*l.* 2*s.* to Dositheus, a monk from Mount Athos; 2*l.* 2*s.* to the archbishop of Nicosia in the kingdom of Cyprus; 10*l.* to Mr. Bryan, the schoolmaster; 1*l.* 4*s.* for work about the cloisters and the school vault; 13*s.* for carriage of stone and sand "for the bason in the churchyard."

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1734, Dec. 7.—Lease to Margaret Pope of Wells, widow, for 40 years, of the second and third tenements from the east in New-works and two gardens belonging thereto in New-works gardens, and a parcel of waste ground on the east part of New-works gardens, 16 feet from east to west at the south end, 24 feet from east to west at the north end, and 34 feet from north to south, bounded on the west by the said New-works gardens, on the south and east by Palace Green and on the north by the way leading from the Market Place to New-works gardens, upon which last-mentioned piece of ground William Westley, deceased, lately erected a stable. —[Ledger, 1701–1739, *p.* 636.]

1734–5, Feb. 18.—Ordered that 10*l.* 10*s.* be paid to Mr. Sub-dean Collins, as a gift from the dean and chapter towards

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the reparation of the parish church of Blandford, lately destroyed by fire.—*fo.* 140.

1735, May 10.—One of the vicars-choral admonished for living in the city with a widow, and not in his house in Close-hall; he was warned not to live any longer with her before their marriage was solemnized, upon penalty of the law and the contempt thereof.—*fo.* 141.

1735, Aug. 8.—Whereas Mr. Chancellor Eyre hath lately made several incroachments on the jurisdiction of the dean and chapter, and particularly on July 29 last, by granting a license for the marriage of John Carey and Anne King, both of the parish of Long Sutton, within the peculiar jurisdiction of the dean and chapter, and has taken and received 6*s.* 8*d.*, the judge's fees of the said license, belonging to their official, in defiance of their right and in order (as he asserts) to oppose and try the same; and has also lately caused Mr. Archdeacon Archer to be served with a citation within the liberty of St. Andrew in Wells, in a matter of office, in violation of the dean and chapter's right of jurisdiction within the same. It is therefore decreed that an action at common law shall be forthwith brought and commenced against the said Mr. Chancellor Eyre, in the name of Mr. Archdeacon Hudleston, their present official, for the fees by him received for granting the said license, in maintenance of the dean and chapter's right to their jurisdiction within the said parish of Long Sutton and other peculiars. Mr. William Goldfinch of the city of Wells, attorney at law, shall be employed as their attorney or agent, who is hereby authorised to begin the said action, first taking the opinion and advice of such counsel as he judges necessary. The advice of counsel shall also be taken whether an action at law will lie against the chancellor for causing Mr. Archdeacon Archer to be cited within the liberty of St. Andrew, being an exempt jurisdiction pursuant to the statute of the 23rd of Henry the 8th.—*fo.* 143.

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Payments: 10*l.* 10*s.* towards the rebuilding of Blandford Church; 6*s.* for mending 9 locks and putting chains to 17 books in the library; 1*l.* 1*s.* for destroying the jackdaws and weeding the church walls; 5*s.* for shooting jackdaws; 13*s.* 8*d.* for powder and shot to destroy the jackdaws; 5*s.* 6*d.* for destroying jackdaws; 3*s.* for opening a gravel pit in the dean's garden for gravel for the highway; 2*l.* 19*s.* "for hanging the dean's pew."

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1735, Oct. 1.—William Dodd, M.A., installed in the prebend of Cudworth, on the death of William Brampston, M.A., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 146.

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1735, Oct. 2.—John Wickstedd, M.A., installed in the prebend of Dultingcot otherwise Thinghurst, on the death of Thomas Biggs, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 146*d.*

1735, Nov. 6.—Whereas Mr. Thomas Eyre, chancellor of this diocese, hath of late made several incroachments upon the exempt and peculiar jurisdiction of the dean and chapter of this cathedral church, and particularly, notwithstanding his incompetency to exercise any manner of ecclesiastical jurisdiction whatsoever by reason of his being under the sentence of excommunication pronounced against him by the worshipful Dr. Bettesworth, Dean of the Arches, hath attempted to publish two suspensions of the archdeacons of Wells and Bath, canons residentiary of this cathedral church, for exercising their ordinary jurisdiction, in obedience to the lord bishop's relaxation of his inhibitions usually issued upon holding his triennial visitations, to them severally directed under his hand and episcopal seal; and hath issued several mandates directed to the four priest-vicars of this cathedral church, commanding them or one of them who should officiate upon the Sunday after he or they were served with the same, to publish the said suspensions in the said cathedral church in time of Divine service; and hath also issued several other mandates directed to the sacrist of this church, requiring him to fix the same suspensions on the several stalls belonging to the said archdeacons in this cathedral church, in high contempt of the lord bishop's relaxation, and notorious violation of the known peculiar and exempt jurisdiction of this cathedral church and the liberty of the same. Which said attempt to publish the said suspensions, in the manner aforesaid,was prevented by the lord bishop's directing Mr. Lovell, the officiating vicar on Sunday, Oct. 19 last, and the sacrist to deliver the several mandates, by them received, into his lordship's hands at his coming to church on that day, which they did accordingly; upon which his lordship tore one of them in pieces and detained the rest. Notwithstanding which, he, the said chancellor, did on the last Sunday, Nov. 2 inst., in the morning while the bell was tolling to prayers, cause several other paper writings, purporting the aforesaid suspensions, to be affixed on the western outer doors of this cathedral church by William Clark, an apparitor, in further contempt of his lordship's authority and wilful violation of the privileges and immunities of this cathedral church, totally exempt from all and all manner of his pretended jurisdiction. Whereupon Mr. Archdeacon Archer, Mr. Chancellor Humphryes and Mr. Treasurer Woodford, the only canons residentiary then in town, did order John Brice, the sacrist, to take down the said papers, which he did accordingly, in presence of him the said apparitor; for which fact the said chancellor did, as the said canons are credibly given to understand, declare

openly in the episcopal consistory court last Tuesday, that he would cause the said sacrist to be immediately prosecuted at law, and did then moreover decree and order that new copies of the said suspensions should be again made out by the deputy register and fixed on the west door of this cathedral church on the next Sunday morning.—*fo.* 148*d.*

Now for the preservation of the known, exempt and peculiar jurisdiction of this cathedral church and the liberty thereof from the injurious invasions and incroachments of him the said chancellor, it is here by decreed and declared by the canons now capitularly assembled, that in case any such papers of suspensions aforesaid be at any time hereafter fixed on any doors of this cathedral church, that such papers so affixed shall be taken down by the sacrist, and that in case he be molested by the said chancellor, either for what he hath done or shall do in obedience to these capitular commands and directions, he shall be defended and indemnified at the cost of the said dean and chapter.—*fo.* 149*d.*

1735, Dec. 1.—Whereas Mr. Thomas Eyre, chancellor of the diocese of Bath and Wells, being lawfully and duly excommunicated by sentence in the Arches court of Canterbury, was yesterday morning, in the parish church of St. Cuthbert's in this city, publicly denounced and declared to be excommunicated according to the laws of this realm, by which he is not only suspended from all divine service but also excluded from the fellowship and company of Christ's congregation, yet nevertheless did in the afternoon come into this cathedral church at the time of divine service, into the pew where he used to sit. Whereupon the three canons above mentioned [Dr. Archer, Mr. Humphries and Mr. Woodford] did send James Curtis, their virger, to acquaint him that they did desire to speak with him in the vestry, but he refusing to come to them and continuing still in his seat, the said canons went to their respective stalls, and sent the said virger a second time to him, to signify to him that as he had that morning been denounced to be an excommunicated person, they did desire him to go out of the church and give no disturbance to the divine service. Upon which he sent this answer by the virger, that if Dr. Archer said so, tell him that I will excommunicate him. And then Dr. Archer with the other two canons went to the said chancellor, then being in his seat, and did admonish him, as having been denounced excommunicated three times in the morning in the parish church, to depart from the cathedral and give no hindrance to the divine service, which he obstinately and contemptuously refusing to do, the said canons and the whole congregation departed, being deprived of the performance of divine service.

The said canons, taking this obstinate and scandalous behaviour of the said chancellor into their serious consideration, do resolve that immediate application be made to learned

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counsel for proper directions how to proceed against him, the said chancellor, for the said contempt of the laws and disturbance of divine service, and what proper methods may be made use of to prevent the like behaviour for the future.—*fo.* 150.

1735, Dec. 13.—Whereas Mr. Chancellor Eyre did issue a pretended citation against the above mentioned canons [Dr. Archer, Mr. Humphries and Mr. Woodford], as they are credibly informed, requiring them to appear before him on Tuesday last, to answer the admonition by them given to him, an excommunicated person, to go out of the cathedral on Nov. 30th, notwithstanding both they and the said cathedral are wholly exempt from his pretended claim of jurisdiction, and notwithstanding the said citation was never duly served upon any of the said canons, did the said last Tuesday call the said canons to appear before him in his consistorial court, which they not doing, the said chancellor, after having treated the said canons in a most abusive and scandalous manner, did decree all and every of them to be contumacious, and upon such pretended contempt did pronounce them to be excommunicated, and accordingly then and there did openly and publicly excommunicate them in writing, contrary to law, and in notorious violation of the rights and privileges of this cathedral church and the liberty thereof. The said canons, taking the said outragious behaviour of the chancellor into their serious consideration, and also the solemn obligation they and every member of this church are under by oath to maintain and defend the rights, privileges and immunities of the said cathedral, do order and appoint Mr. John Paine, register to the dean and chapter, to write to Mr. Mark Holman, a proctor of Doctors' Commons, to lay the above mentioned proceedings before Dr. Henchman, Dr. Paul and Dr. Andrews, advocates of the Court of Arches, and of some learned counsel in the practice of the common law, and take their advice and direction in what proper manner they may proceed against the said chancellor for these his arbitrary vexations and injurious proceedings; and moreover that application be also made to some learned counsel in the common law for their opinion in what manner the said chancellor for the aforesaid facts and offences may be proceeded against in some one of the courts at Westminster.—*fo.* 151.

1735–6, March 1.—The office of the officiality of the dean and chapter granted to Mr. Treasurer Woodford.—*fo.* 153.

1735–6, March 2.—Dr. Henchman, Dr. Paul and Dr. Andrews have advised and directed that appeals from the aforesaid proceedings of the chancellor should be lodged in the Arches Court of Canterbury, pursuant to which advice, prothocols of appeal have in the names and on the behalf of the said three canons [Archer, Humphries and Woodford] been already

drawn up and read by Mr. Mark Holman, one of the proctors of the said Arches Court, as necessary for obtaining relief from the said injuries and violations: now it is hereby in full chapter decreed and ordered that the said appeals shall be carried on and prosecuted by the said Mr. Holman, at the cost and charges of the dean and chapter, in such methods and by such ways and forms of proceedings as by the aforesaid advocates (or such of them as it shall be adjudged necessary and proper to apply unto) shall be further advised and directed. —*fo.* 153*d.*

1736, April 6.—To the end that the execution of the several offices of the church which it is incumbent upon the priest-vicars to use, as curates of the liberty of this cathedral church, together with the surplice fees and other fees and perquisites usually given for performing the same, may be equally distributed among the priest-vicars, it is decreed that for the future the several orders of public and private baptism, matrimony, visitation and communion of the sick, burial of the dead, and thanksgiving of women after childbirth, shall be discharged as occasion offers, in every week, by that vicar only who is then to read prayers in his proper regular course, and by none other, except in the lawful absence of the reading vicar, in which case the person performing the said offices shall be obliged to deliver the surplice fees to the person who should have received it if he had been present —*fo.* 154*d.*

It is likewise further decreed that no priest-vicar or any one else do perform the office of matrimony in the chapel in Close Hall, and that all marriages celebrated in the said chapel are declared to be clandestine marriages, and to be censured as such; and that a fair copy of this act be delivered to every one of the priest-vicars.—*fo.* 155.

1736, April 10.—John Boswell, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe VIII, on the resignation of John Wicksted, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 155*d.*

1736, April 13.—John Tazwell, B.A., installed in the prebend of Easton in Gordano, on the death of Nathaniel Markwick, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 156.

1736, July 28.—John [Harris], bishop of Llandaff, installed as dean of Wells, on the resignation of Isaac [Maddox], bishop of St. Asaph, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 158*d.*

1736, Aug. 6.—John, bishop of Llandaff and dean of Wells, admitted a canon residentiary; he promised to pay 100*l.* caution money; he shall not receive any profit, except quotidians, nor begin his residence before October 1 next.—*fo.* 159*d.*

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1736, Sept. 28.—The dean protested against the clause forbidding his receipt of profits before October 1; the late dean, Dr. Maddox, "is not entitled to any dividend of the profits of my canonry [the new dean's] for the current year, for that he has voluntarily made himself incapable of residence by accepting the bishopric of St. Asaph, and that the profits of the canonry for the current year belong to me only and to no other person or persons whatsoever."

(*Signed*) J. Landaff, Dean of Wells.

—*fo.* 161*d.*

Edmund Archer, archdeacon of Wells, and Robert Woodford, treasurer, signed a declaration against the above protest.—*fo.* 162.

Accounts of Timothy Collins, M.A., Sub-dean, Keeper of the Fabric and Communar, 1735–36.

Receipts: Burials 10*s.* Mrs. Susannah Taylor (in the cloister) and bell, 10*s.* Sarah Coward (in the cloister) and bell, 10*s.* Mrs. Margaret Sherston (south aisle of choir) and bell.

Payments: 10*s.* to William Johnson, a poor man, Bishop Still's great-grandson; 21*l.* 8*s.* for the audit dinners; 13*s.* 10*d.* for candles, pipes, tobacco, and other small things used at the audit.

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1736, Oct. 16.—Ordered that 5*l.* be paid to Dr. Archer for the relief of Joseph Ottolenge [?] a poor converted Jew, lately confined for debt in Southgate prison, Exon.—*fo.* 163*d.*

1736, Nov 9.—Henry Sampson, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe IX, on the resignation of John Tazwell, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 164.

1736, Nov. 10.—Edmund Lovell, M.A. installed in the prebend of Dinder, on the death of Richard Healy, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 164*d.*

1736, Dec. 14.—Archdeacon Hudleston presented to the vicarage of St. Cuthbert's, Wells, on the death of Mr. Healy; nominated by himself, "it being in the said Mr. Archdeacon's ball by the last casting."—*fo.* 166.

1736, Dec. 15.—Samuel Hood, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe XIII, on the death of Richard Healy, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.*—*fo.* 166*d.*

1736–7, Jan. 4.—A plan, model or draught of a design for new building or repairing the canonical house, now in possession of Doctor White, was approved.—*fo.* 170.

* Le Neve's *Fasti* states that Mr. Hood succeeded Edward Johnson.

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1736–7, Jan. 25.—Lawrence Saint Loe, D.D., prebendary of Wedmore IV, admitted a canon residentiary, on the death of Robert Creyghton, D.D., late precentor; he paid 100 marks caution money; he was assigned July, August and September next for his residence. Dr. Archer, Mr. Humphreys and Mr. Woodford proposed George Atwood, B.D., archdeacon of Taunton, and protested against the election of Dr. Saint Loe.—*fo.* 168*d.*

1736–7, Jan. 26.—Charles Egerton, presbyter of the church of England, presented to the vicarage of Stokegumber with the chapel of Bicknaller, on the death of Robert Lux; nominated by Dr. White.—*fo.* 171.

1736–7, March 4.—Francis Franklyn, M.A., presented to the vicarage of Dulverton, on the death of William Hill; nominated by Mr. Collins.—*fo.* 173.

John Woodford, clerk, a student at the University of Oxon, presented to the vicarage of Winscombe, on the death of Francis Taylor; nominated by Mr. Humfries.

1737, Aug. 19.—Complaint being made by Mr. Evans, the organist, that the organ of the cathedral is much out of repair and wants tuning, and that Mr. Swarbrick, who has lately had the care of it, though often times sent to, neglects to come and look after it, and that Mr. John Harris, organ-builder, is willing to undertake the care of the organ: ordered that Mr. Harris do view the same, and lay his terms and his proposed repairs before the chapter.—*fo.* 176.

1737, Aug. 25.—Lease to Thomas Cooper of Bristol, carrier, for three lives, of a messuage, etc., and 40 acres of land, meadow and pasture of old auster, in Wookeyhole, parcel of the dean and chapter's manor of Canon Grange; lessee to do suit and service at the courts held for the said manor.—[Ledger, 1701–1739, *p.* 722.]

1737, Sept. 26.—Order to purchase *Bibliotheca Patrum*, in 17 volumes, late Dr. Creyghton's, for 15*l.*—*fo.* 177*d.*

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Receipts: Burials, 10*s.* Jane Faulkner (cloister) and bell, 1*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Healy ("in the Lady's Chappel") and bell.

Payments: 5*l.* for the use of Joseph Ottolenghe, a poor converted Jew at Exeter; 2*s.* for the carriage of books from Bath, given by the bishop to the library; 15*l.* for *Bibliotheca patrum*, brought [? bought] from Dr. Creyghton's executors for the use of the library.

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1737, Nov. 2.—Robert Wheeler, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wedmore II, on the resignation of Edmond Lovell, M.A., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 179*d.*

1737, Dec. 14.—Lease to Sarah Caines of Wells, widow, for 40 years, of a house in the west part of Sadler street, called Cary's house, adjoining on the north to the tenement called the Hart's Head; lessee to do suit of court at Canon Barn twice a year.—[Ledger, 1701–1739, *fo.* 739.]

1737–8, Feb. 13.—William Langdon, B.A., presented to the vicarage of Mudford, on the death of Nathaniel Brydges; nominated by Dr. St. Lo.—*fo.* 182*d.*

1738, May 5.—Charles Ryall presented to the vicarage of Dulverton, on the death of Francis Franklyn; nominated by Mr. Subdean Collins.—*fo.* 183.

1738, May 9.—Francis Seymour, esq., assignee of the parsonage of North Curry, offered 800*l.* as a fine for adding two lives and changing one; accepted, Mr. Woodford and Mr. Collins dissenting.—*fo.* 184.

1738, May 29.—Confirmed the appointment by the bishop of Edward Simpson, LL.D., as vicar-general and official principal of the bishop. [The margin has "chancellorship of the diocese."]

1738, June 9.—Thomas Alford, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe II, on the death of Francis Franklyn, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 184*d.*

1738, July 19.—Mr. Archdeacon Archer, Mr. Chancellor Humphreys, Mr. Sub-dean Collins and Mr. Treasurer Woodford, protested against the lease of the parsonage of North Curry, sealed on June 15 last, when only the dean, Mr. Archdeacon Hudleston and Dr. Saintlo were present, and the box containing the chapter seal was broken open.—*fo.* 186*d.*

Accounts of Robert Woodford, LL.B., Keeper of the Fabric and Communar, 1737–38.

Receipts: Burials, 17*s.* Widow Kingston (nave) and bell; 1*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Morris ("benig the altar") and bell.

1738–1739.

1738, Oct. 18.—John Coney, M.A., installed in the prebend of Buckland Dinham, on the resignation of Thomas Coney, D.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 189.

1738–9, Jan. 29.—George Farewell, M.A., presented to the vicarage of Bishops Lydeard, on the death of Mr. Humphreys, late chancellor; nominated by Dr. Archer.—*fo.* 190.

1738–1739.

1738–9, Feb. 21.—John Wynne, B.A., installed in the prebend of Compton Bishop, on the death of Henry Hill, M.A., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 190*d.*

1738–9, Feb. 23.—Robert Wheeler, M.A., installed in the prebend of Hazelbeer, on the death of Henry Edwards, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 191.

1738–9, March 1.—Richard Jenkins, M.A., installed in the prebend of Comb X, on the death of Roger Humphries, M.A., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 191*d.*

1739, May 25.—Thomas Jenkins, M.A., installed in the prebend of Whitchurch, on the death of John Potter, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 192*d.*

1739, June 13.—Henry Fitch, LL.B., installed in the prebend of Wedmore II, on the resignation of Robert Wheeler, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 193.

1739, June 30.—John Wickstedd, M.A., installed as chancellor of the cathedral church, on the death of Roger Humphreys, M.A., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 194*d.*

Accounts of Robert Woodford, LL.B., Keeper of the Fabric and Communar, 1738–39.

Receipts: Burials, 16*s.* 8*d.* Mrs. Turberville (nave) and bell.

1739–1740.

1739, Nov. 23.—Samuel Creswicke, D.D., installed in the dignity of the deanery, on the death of John [Harris], bishop of Llandaff.*—*fo.* 200.

1739, Nov. 24.—Samuel Creswicke, D.D., dean of Wells, admitted a canon residentiary; he paid 100*l.* caution money.—*fo.* 199*d.*

1739, Nov. 27.—John Wickstedd, M.A., installed in the prebend of Huish and Brent and also in the dignity of archdeacon of Wells.—*fo.* 200*d.*

1739, Nov. 28.—Thomas Taylor, M.A., installed in the prebend of Milverton II, on the resignation of Thomas Jenkins, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 202.

1739, Dec. 1.—Francis Squire, M.A., installed in the office of chancellor of the cathedral church, on the resignation of John Wickstedd, M.A., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 202*d.*

* The late dean, also bishop of Llandaff, John Harris, died Aug. 28, 1738. Le Neve, *Fasti.*

1739–1740.

1739, Dec. 3.—Francis Squire, chancellor, admitted a canon residentiary, on the death of Roger Humphries, M.A.; he paid 100*l.* caution money.—*fo.* 203*d.*

John Wicksted, M.A., archdeacon of Wells, admitted a canon residentiary, on the death of Edmund Archer, D.D.; he paid 100*l.* caution money; he shall not receive any profits, except quotidians, nor begin his residence before October 1 next.—*fo.* 205*d.*

1739–40, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Wynne, the bishop's lady, shall have the use of the seat called the Grates, in the cathedral. [*Cancelled.*]—*fo.* 207.

1739–40, Feb. 9.—The choir to be new floored, the pavement being very uneven and decayed. The walls of the body of the church to be cleaned and white-limed.—*fo.* 207*d.*

1740, July 1.—George Carde appointed to the rectory or free chapel of Allerton, on the death of John Tottenham; nominated by Mr. Subdean Collins.—*fo.* 210.

1740, July 24.—William Hudleston, B.A., appointed to the vicarage of Chedder, to succeed John Tottenham, the late vicar; nominated by Subdean Collins.—*fo.* 210*d.*

1740, Sept. 13.—John Wynne, gent., and William Wynne, gent., ("his lordship's son"), appointed to the office of bishop's registrar and actuary within the diocese of Bath and Wells, for their lives and the life of the survivor.

Accounts of Francis White, S.T.P., Keeper of the Fabric and Communar, 1739–40.

Receipts: Burials, 1*l.* 10*s.* Mrs. Hart (body of the church) and bell, 1*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* Mr. Cupper (aisle) and bell, 10*s.* Anne Tetton (cloister) and bell, 16*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Penny (nave) and bell, 13*s.* 4*d.* Mrs. Lucas and bell, 1*l.* 10*s.* Miss Eyre (south aisle of church) and bell, 1*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Baron (south aisle of church) and bell.

Payments: 2*l.* to Mr. Hudleston, the librarian; 46*l.* 4*s.* for paving the choir; 146*l.* for making a new roof over the south aisle of the choir; 49*l.* 12*s.* to Mr. Muggelsworth for the ornaments about the bishop's throne and work in the choir.

Communar's Cash-book, 1739–40.

Payments: 11*l.* to George Bryan, the schoolmaster; 20*l.* to William Evans, the organist; 8*l.* to Thomas Swarbrick, for keeping the organ; 30*l.* for the audit dinner and 7*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.* for wine.

Keeper of the Fabric's Cash-book, 1739–40.

Payments: 1*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.* for the ringers on occasion of the news of taking Portobello.

1740, Oct. 2.—Seats to be erected on the north side of the choir, from the door leading to the north aisle to the steps of the altar, for the mayor, aldermen and common council of the city of Wells to sit and hear divine service.—*fo.* 212.

1740, Nov. 12.—George Shakerley, M.A., installed in the prebend of Dultingcot otherwise Thinghurst, on the resignation of John Wicksted, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 212*d.*

1740, Dec. 9.—Two new galleries to be erected in the choir, on the north and south sides thereof next the organ-loft, for the use of the canons' families.—*fo.* 213*d.*

1740–1, Jan. 2.—Mr. William Hudleston appointed to the rectory or free chapel of Allerton, on the resignation of Mr. Card; nominated by Mr. Subdean Collins.—*fo.* 214.

1740–1, Jan. 8.—Lease to James Yorke the elder of Wells, gent., for 40 years, of the first house from the east end of New Works, with Pennyless Porch, etc. [as before, *ante*, *p.* 492]; rent 33*s.* 4*d.*—[Ledger, 1740–1760, *p.* 34.]

1741, April 1.—Mr. John Broderip, who has supplied the place of organist in the cathedral from the death of Mr. Evans, to be paid the usual salary for that period.—*fo.* 215*d.*

1741, April 29.—Samuel Hill, M.A., installed in the prebend of Holcomb, on the death of John Tottenham, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 216.

1741, June 25.—Mr. Subdean Collins appointed proctor of the dean and chapter, to appear in the chapter house of St. Paul's on July 3 next.—*fo.* 216*d.*

1741, July 1.—Mr. Bryant [*sic*], the schoolmaster, to have an addition to his salary of 50*s.* quarterly.—*fo.* 217.

1741, July 1.—Lease to Francis Seymour of Sherborne, co. Dorset, esq., for three lives, of the capital messuage or mansion house of the manor of North Curry, etc.; rent 48*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.*—[Ledger, 1740–1760, *p.* 51.]

1741, Aug. 10.—Richard Jenkins, M.A., installed in the prebend of Scampford otherwise Shalford, on the death of Mountague Wood, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 218.

1741, Sept. 22.—Henry Lockett, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe X, on the resignation of Richard Jenkins, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 218*d.*

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ACCOUNTS of FRANCIS WHITE, S.T.P., KEEPER of the FABRIC and COMMUNAR, 1740–41.

Receipts : Burials, 13*s.* 8*d.* Mrs. Baron (body of the church), 1*l.* Mr. Richard Paine (north aisle, by the clock), 10*s.* Mrs. Bacon (north aisle, by the body of the church), 1*l.* 6*s.* Mrs. Cross (north aisle, by the choir).

Payments : 10*l.* to Mr. Bryant [*sic*], the schoolmaster, 10*l.*, and 2*l.* 10*s.* added to his salary the last quarter ; 20*l.* to John Broderip, the organist ; various payments for opening the gravel-pits in the churchyard, digging gravel, and filling up the pits ; 15*s.* to the ringers on occasion of the news of taking Carthagena ; 112*l.* 11*s.* for erecting the galleries, corporation seat and other work ; 5*l.* 5*s.* to Mr. Swarbrick on account of his extraordinary trouble about the organ ; 1*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* the subscription money for the new edition of Bishop Godwin's *History de Præsulibus,* &c. [*sic*] ; 2*l.* 10*s.* to Mr. Dean for his subscription to Myddleton's *Life of Cicero.*

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1741, Sept. 30.—Satisfaction to be made to Mr. Jacob Nickells for playing the organ and teaching the chorister boys sometime before an organist was appointed.—*fo.* 220.

John Broderip, vicar-choral, appointed master of the choristers and organist, in place of William Evans, deceased, at the usual salaries, *i.e.* 20*l.* as organist and 7*l.* as master of the choristers ; the choristers' house is assigned to him while he holds the office of master.—*fo.* 220*d.*

1741, Oct. 1.—William Hudleston, B.A., appointed to the vicarage of St. Cuthbert's, Wells, on the resignation of Lawson Hudleston, M.A.—*fo.* 222.

1741, Nov. 7.—Alexander Malet, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wedmore IV, on the death of Lawrence Saint Lo, D.D., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 223.

1741, Dec. 3.—George Shakerley, M.A., admitted a canon residentiary, on the death of Lawrence St. Lo, D.D. ; he paid 100 marks caution money ; he is not to receive any profit, except quotidians, nor to begin residence before Oct. 1 next. —*fo.* 224*d.*

1741–2, Jan. 2.—Charles Prowse, esq., appointed chapter clerk, on the death of John Paine, gent., on the nomination of Mr. Squire, the chancellor.—*fo.* 227.

Whereas it is very inconvenient for the registry and records belonging to the dean and chapter to be kept in private houses ; ordered, that, for the more safe preserving the said records for the future, the ground room in the cloisters, near the door

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at the entrance up to the audit room, be fitted up and made convenient for that purpose.—*fo.* 228.

Ordered that a new clock be provided for the cathedral church.

Winchcomb Nooth, notary public, appointed register and writer of the acts within the peculiar jurisdictions of the dean and chapter.

1741–2, Jan. 11.—Lease to Andrew Cross of Wells, esq., for 40 years, of all the camery on the south side of part of the cathedral church, with the stable built thereon; right of access reserved for repairs to the cathedral, and for the tenants of the twelve houses in New Works to view and repair the pipes and water-courses within the said camery, leading to the said twelve houses; rent 10*s.*—[Ledger, 1740–1760, *p.* 84.]

1741–2, Jan. 23.—Thomas Hughes of Wells, gent., appointed steward of the old Almshouses in Wells, in the room of John Paine, deceased.—*fo.* 229.

1742, July 3.—Robert Wilson, M.A., installed in the prebend of Litton, on the death of Escott Richards, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 231*d.*

1742, July 10.—Thomas Alford, M.A., installed in the prebend of Ashill, on the death of Thomas Westly, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 232.

1742, July 22.—An agreement entered into with Thomas Bilbie of Chewstoke for repairing and keeping the clock and chimes.—*fo.* 232*d.*

1742, July 22.—Articles of agreement between the dean and chapter and Thomas Bilbie of Chewstoke, clockmaker and bellfounder. In consideration of 26*l.* 5*s.* payable on Aug. 1 next, and of 5*l.* on Aug. 1, 1743, if the work hereinafter mentioned shall then appear to be honestly finished and completed, Bilbie covenants that he will repair, amend and put in good order, the clock and chimes and will find all necessary materials, and make all new chime hammers and squares, and "put new teeth and pinions in the room and place of the stars," and new turn the wheels and make new levit-holes, and make the wheels with lantern heads of brass, and will put up the said clock and chimes so as the said clock will go 26 hours at one time and one winding up, and will at his own cost keep the clock and chimes in good repair for the term of his natural life, for the yearly wages of 3*l.*—[Ledger, 1740–1760, *p.* 92.]

1742, Sept. 13.—John Walker, M.A., installed in the prebend of Combe II, on the resignation of Thomas Alford, pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 233*d.*

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Accounts of Francis Squire, M.A., Chancellor, Keeper of the Fabric and Communar, 1741–42.

Receipts: Burials, 1*l.* 6*s.* Mrs. Davies (south chapel by the choir), 1*l.* Mr. John Paine (north aisle, by the clock), 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Coward (cloisters).

Payments: 20*l.* to Mr. Bryant, the schoolmaster; 2*l.* to Mr. Chancellor Squire, the librarian; 26*l.* 5*s.* to Thomas Bilbie for taking down and repairing the clock and chimes; 3*s.* for Welden's anthems; 1*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.* for writing anthems and services for the church; 1*l.* 11*s.* to Mr. Broderip for writing anthems and other music for the church.

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1742, Oct. 1.—Twenty guineas given to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, pursuant to his majesty's letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury, dated Nov. 18, 1741.—*fo.* 235.

1742, Nov. 26.—George Shakerley, M.A., installed in the prebend of Huish and Brent and the archdeaconry of Wells, on the death of John Wicksted, M.A., pursuant to mandate of the bishop.—*fo.* 236.

1742, Dec. 16.—David Symes, B.A., installed in the prebend of Dultingcott otherwise Thinghurst, on the resignation of George Shakerley, M.A.—*fo.* 238*d.*

1743, April 1.—Samuel Hill, M.A., admitted a canon residentiary, on the death of John Wicksted, M.A.; he paid 100 marks caution money; he shall not receive any profits, except quotidians, nor begin residence before October 1 next. —*fo.* 241*d.*

1743, May 20.—Samuel Squire, M.A., installed in the prebend of Wanstrow and the archdeaconry of Bath, on the death of Lawson Hudleston, M.A., pursuant to mandate of the bishop. —*fo.* 243.

Robert Wilson, M.A., admitted a canon residentiary, on the death of Lawson Hudleston, M.A.; he paid 100 marks caution money; he shall not receive any profit, except quotidians, nor begin residence before October 1, 1744.—*fo.* 244*d.*

1743, Sept. 24.—*Congé d'élire* for a new bishop, on the death of Dr. John Wynne, late bishop of Bath and Wells.—*fo.* 248.

Accounts of Francis Squire, M.A., Keeper of the Fabric and Communar, 1742–43.

Receipts: Burials, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer (south aisle, by the choir), 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Dr. Edmund Warneford (cross aisle, between the choir and the Lady's Chapel), 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

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Mrs. Healy (in the Lady's Chapel), 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mrs. Rachael Palmer (south aisle, by the choir).

Payments: 21*l.* for the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. [No details of repairs this year.]

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1743, Sept. 30.—Election of Dr. Edward Willes, bishop of St. David's, as bishop of Bath and Wells, in pursuance of the king's letter recommendatory.—*fo.* 250.

The Rev. John Paine of Wells appointed game-keeper or keeper of the game within the manor of Allerton.—*fo.* 251*d.*

1743, Oct. 31.—Grant by George II, to Robert Wheeler, M.A., prebendary of the prebend of Hazelbeer, for life, of a canonical house, now ruinous, situate near the cathedral, between a lane called Torr Lane on the east, and another canonical house on the west, now in the possession of George Attwood, archdeacon of Taunton, and bounded on the north by a street called the Liberty.—[Ledger, 1740–1760, *p.* 135.]

1743, Nov. 10.—Christopher Tachell, B.A., appointed to the vicarage of Burnham, on the death of William Harris.—*fo.* 252*d.*

1743, Dec. 14.—Twenty guineas given to the poor sufferers by the late dreadful fire at Crediton, Devon.—*fo.* 255.

1743–4, Jan. 10.—Installation and enthronization of Edward Willes, D.D., bishop of Bath and Wells, in the person of Francis White, D.D., his proxy.*—*fo.* 256*d.*

Accounts of George Shakerley, Archdeacon of Wells, Keeper of the Fabric and Communar, 1743–44.

Receipts: Burials, 1*l.* Mrs. Mary Paine, wife of Mr. Francis Paine (cross aisle, by the clock).

Payments: 2*l.* to Mr. Archdeacon Shakerley, the librarian. [No details of repairs.]

Accounts of George Shakerley, Keeper of the Fabric and Communar, 1744–45.

Receipts: Burials, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mrs. Healy, wife of Mr. Ralph Healy, clerk, (the Lady's Chapel), 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mrs. Goffe.

Payments: 2*l.* to Mr. Lovell, the librarian. [No details of repairs.]

Accounts of Samuel Hill, M.A., Keeper of the Fabric and Communar, 1745–46.

Receipts: Burials, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Rev. Mr. Healy ("in Lady's Chappell"), 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mr. Recorder Davis (in St. Catherine's

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chapel), 1*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* Mr. Charles Brown (" by the vault "). [No details of repairs.]

Accounts of Samuel Hill, M.A., Keeper of the Fabric and Communar, 1745–46.

Payments : 20*l.* to John Broderip, organist ; 8*l.* to Thomas Swarbrick, organ-builder ; 7*l.* to John Broderip as master of the boys ; 21*l.* to George Bryan, the schoolmaster, for salary and windows ; 1*l.* to Mr. Broderip for writing the organ part of his *Benedicite*, etc. ; 8*s.* 6*d.* to Mr. Boulton for writing two tenors of Dr. Aldridge in A sharp ; 15*s.* to the ringers on the Duke's birthday, and 15*s.* "for defeating the rebels," paid April 26 ; 15*s.* "paid the ringers a second time, when the victory over the rebels was confirmed," paid May 30.

1747, July 24.—Francis Squire, the chancellor, to the dean and chapter, approving and nominating the Rev. Mr. Richards, vicar of Middlesoy, to succeed Mr. Brian as schoolmaster in the liberty.—[Ledger, 1740–1760, *p.* 244.]

Accounts of Samuel Hill, M.A., Keeper of the Fabric and Communar, 1746–47.

Receipts : Burials, 1*l* 6*s.* 8*d.* John Burland, esq. (" near the Lady's chappell ").

Payments : 15*l.* 15*s* to Mr. Bryant, the schoolmaster, for 3 quarters and for mending the windows. [No details of repairs].

Accounts of Robert Wilson, Keeper of the Fabric and Communar, 1747–48.

Payments : Mr. Richards, the schoolmaster, for 5 quarters, and for mending the school windows. [No details of repairs.]

1749, Sept. 7.—Collation of John Walker, M.A., prebendary of Combe II, to the canonical house heretofore in the occupation of one Richard Bourne, within the liberty, abutting on the house and garden of the late college called Mountroy College on the east, on the canonical house and garden of Robert Woodforde, one of the canons residentiary, on the west, and on a close late in the tenure of William Baron, gent., on the north.—[Ledger, 1740–1760, *p.* 297.]

Accounts of Robert Wilson, M.A., Keeper of the Fabric and Communar, 1748–49.

Receipts : Burials, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Mrs. Catherine Palmer (near St. Catherine's Chapel), 1*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* Miss Paine (near the clock), 13*s.* 4*d.* Mr. George Barton (nave) ; 11*l.* to Mr. Richards, the schoolmaster, 4 quarters, and 10*l.* 10*s.* *ex gratia* ; 2*l.* to Mr. Warne, for looking after the organ. [No details of repairs.]

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ACCOUNTS of JOHN WALKER, M.A., KEEPER of the FABRIC and COMMUNAR, 1749–50.

Receipts: Burial, 6*s.* 8*d.* Mrs. North (in the cloisters).
Payments: 11*l.* to Mr. Richards, the schoolmaster, and 9*l.* 9*s.* *ex gratia.* [No details of repairs.]

[NOTE.—The series of extracts ends here. A few notes of topographical interest are added from the later ledger books.]

1754, Oct. 1.—Lease to Peter Taylor of St. Clement Danes, co. Mddx., esq., for three lives, of the rectory of St. Cuthbert's parish, and the barn with two courts or yards adjoining, and all tithes, etc.; except and reserved perquisites of courts, etc., and the prison and the house used for the same, and the pound adjoining the barn, and the right to use the barn for holding courts, and the advowson of the vicarage; rent 40*l.*; lessee to repair St. Cuthbert's chancel.—Ledger 1740–60, *p.* 452.

1760, Sept. 22.—William Willes, the chancellor, nominates the Rev. Morgan Cox, to succeed the Rev. Dr. Richards as master of the free school within the Liberty at Wells.—*Ibid.*, *p.* 624.

1762, April 10.—Collation of William Ray, clerk, M.A., to a canonical house on the east part of Canon Barn, within the Liberty of St. Andrew, lately occupied by Robert Woodforde, clerk, LL.B., deceased.—Ledger 1761–77, *p.* 17.

1764, Nov. 7.—Lease to Anne, Elizabeth and Mary Gresley of Bristol, spinsters, for 40 years, of a tenement or dwellinghouse at the upper end of High Street or Market Place, Wells, against the Market House eastward, and adjoining the Guildhall, now in the tenure of Andrew Crosse, esq., on the south, the porch or gate leading into the churchyard on the north, and the Choristers' House on the east; also "all that little spot of ground" adjoining the said dwellinghouse on the east and north, heretofore taken out of the backside or garden of the Choristers' House, with the consent of the dean and chapter; paying yearly to the communar for the use of the choristers, 2*l.* for the dwelling house and 13*s.* 4*d.* for the plot of ground; lessees to do suit at the courts to be holden in and for the dean and chapter's manor of Canon Grange.—*Ibid.*, *p.* 102.

1765, April 1.—Lease to Joseph Lovell of Wells, gent., for 40 years, of two tenements in Sadlers street and the tower called Brownes Gate; rent, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, for the two tenements, 2*s.* for the back door into the churchyard, and 2*s.* for the tower; lessee to do suit at the courts of the manor of Canon Grange.—*Ibid.*, *p.* 115.

1765, Dec. 4.—Lease to Ann Baron of Wells, spinster, for 40 years, of the sixth tenement from the west end of

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New-works and a garden in New-works Gardens; rent 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and 3*s.* for the back door into the churchyard; lessee to do suit of court twice a year at the Law Day holden at Canon Barn, to contribute to the cost of the repair of the gouts and pipes of lead, and not to hang linen or clothes of any kind on the rails belonging to the garden lately inclosed at the backside of the tenement, in or near the churchyard.—*Ibid.*, *p.* 132.

1766, April 1.—Lease to Rev. John Paine of Wells, clerk, for 40 years, of the sixth tenement from the east end of New-works and a garden in New-works Gardens; rent 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and 2*s.* for the door into the churchyard; lessee to contribute to the cost of repairing the gouts and pipes of lead, and to do suit at the courts to be holden in and for the dean and chapter's manor of Wells.—*Ibid.*, *p.* 129.

1769, Oct. 2.—Lease to Anthony Coggan of North Curry, cooper, for three lives, of the decoy-pool in the manor of North Curry and a cottage built on the lord's waste there; rent 2*l.* 10*s.* for the decoy and 1*s.* for the cottage.—*Ibid.*, *p.* 252.

1769, April 21.—Appointment of Anthony Coggan as gamekeeper within the manors of North and East Curry, with license to take and kill all manner of game.—*Ibid.*, *p.* 255.

1774, July 1.—Lease to Peter Taylor of Perbrook Park, co. Southants, esq., for three lives, of the rectory of St. Cuthbert's, Wells, as before; rent 40*l.*—*Ibid.*, *p.* 425.

1774, Oct. 1.—Lease to Francis Willes of Westminster, esq., for 40 years, of the camery on the south side of part of the cathedral, with a stable built thereon; reserving right of access for repairs to the cathedral and the pipes and watercourses leading to New-works, and all timber and other trees, with liberty to enter and fell the same, etc.; rent 6*s.* 8*d.* to the fabric and 3*s.* 4*d.* to the master of the fabric.—*Ibid.*, *p.* 446.

1778, Jan. 2.—Lease to Osborn Thomas Templeman of the out-parish of St. Cuthbert's, yeoman, for 40 years, of two several tenements, heretofore rebuilt by Thomas Marchant, deceased, and then converted into one house, lying between the High Cross in Wells on the south, a tenement wherein Thomas Bartlett, "haberdasher of hatts," lately dwelt on the east, and the tenement late of John Bartlett, brazier, on the north; rent 1*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*; lessee to do suit of court twice a year at Canon Barn.—Ledger 1777–89, *p.* 26.

1778, Oct. 1.—Lease to Charles Wolfran Cornwall, esq., one of the lords of the treasury, Alexander Popham of the Inner Temple, esq., and Isaac Schomberge of St. George's,

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Hanover Square, doctor of physick, for three lives, of the rectory and parsonage of St. Cuthbert's, as before ; rent 40*l.* —*Ibid.*, *p.* 35.

1779, June 14.—Collation of Robert Wilson, M.A., prebendary of Timberscombe and a canon residentiary, to a canonical house lying on the east side of Canon Barn, within the Liberty, now void by the death of the Rev. William Ray. —*Ibid.*, *p.* 63.

1779, Sept. 13.—Collation of Phipps Weston, B.D., prebendary of Henstridge, to a canonical house on the west side of Canon Barn, now void by the death of the Rev. Edmund Lovell, M.A.—*Ibid.*, *p.* 64.

1779, Oct. 1.—Lease to Robert Gutch of Wells, gent., for 40 years, of the house between the Guildhall on the south and the porch on the north, etc., as before ; rent, 2*l.* for the house and 13*s.* 4*d.* for the plot of ground.—*Ibid.*, *p.* 67.

1788, July 1.—Lease to Joseph Coles of Wookey Hole, paper maker, and Margaret Bartlett of the same, spinster, for 40 years, of a tenement on the west side of Sadlers street, formerly known as the Hart's Head, but now the White Hart ; rent 50*s.* ; lessees to do suit of court twice a year at Canon Barn.—*Ibid.*, *p.* 474.

1791, March 21.—Collation of Thomas Payne, M.A., prebendary of Buckland Denham and a canon residentiary, to a canonical house at the east side of Canon Barn, void by the death of the Rev. Robert Wilson.—Ledger 1790–1807, *p.* 43.

1791, May 2.—Collation of William Hill, M.A., prebendary of Wedmore V, to the canonical house within the liberty, now void by the cession of Thomas Payne, canon residentiary, bounded on the east with a house and garden belonging to Clement Tudway, esq., and on the west with the canonical house late of Robert Wilson, canon residentiary, deceased, and on the north with a field called Barons Field.—*Ibid.*, *p.* 49.

1794, July 1.—Collation of Walker King, D.D., prebendary of Combe XV, to the same house, void by the death of William Hill, bounded on the west with the canonical house of the Rev. Thomas Payne.—*Ibid.*, *p.* 154.

1796, Dec. 6.—Lease to John Helyar Rocke of Wells, gent., for 40 years, of a tenement at the upper end of the High Street or Market Place, against the Market Place eastward, adjoining the Guildhall on the south, the porch gate leading to the churchyard on the north, and the Choristers' House on the east ; also a little plot of ground adjoining on the east and

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north, heretofore taken out of the backside or garden of the Choristers' House, and another plot lately taken in by the said Rocke out of the said backside or garden, with the consent of the dean and chapter; paying to the communar to the use of the choristers 2*l.* for the tenement and 13*s.* 4*d.* for the two plots of ground; lessee to do suit at the courts holden in and for the manor of Canon Grange.—*Ibid.*, *p.* 266.

1798, July 2.—Collation of Walker King, D.D., prebendary of Wiveliscombe and canon residentiary, to the canonical house at the east side of Canon Barn, now void by the death of Thomas Payne, M.A., canon residentiary.—*Ibid.*, *p.* 310.

1800, Oct. 1.—Lease to Alexander Popham, a master in chancery, for the lives of Charles William Taylor, Frances Jane Taylor, his sister, and William Theophilus son of Charles Græme, of the rectory and parsonage of St. Cuthbert's, as before; rent 40*l.*—*Ibid.*, *p.* 356.

1808, April 1.—Lease to Edward Parfitt of Wells, gent., for 40 years, of the tenement at the upper end of the Market Place, adjoining the Guildhall on the south, etc., as before; rent 2*l.* and 13*s.* 4*d.*—Ledger 1808–13, *p.* 7.

1811, Nov. 2.—Collation of George Trevelyan, LL.D., prebendary of [Taunton] and canon residentiary, to the canonical house on the west side of Canon Barn, now void by the death of Charles Digby, canon residentiary.—*Ibid.*, *p.* 124.

1812, May 29.—Collation of Charles Thomas Barker, D.D., subdean, prebendary of Combe III and canon residentiary, to the canonical house on the east side of Canon Barn, now void by the cession of Walker [King], bishop of Rochester. —*Ibid.*, *p.* 141.

1812, June 17.—Collation of Henry Gould, B.A., prebendary of Wedmore IV and canon residentiary, to the canonical house on the east side of Canon Barn, now void by the death of Charles Thomas Barker, subdean.—*Ibid.*, *p.* 150.

WELLS CATHEDRAL CHARTERS.

1. 958.—Grant by Eadgar, King of the Mercians, for 40 *mancusæ* of gold, to Ealhstane, his thegn, of six hides of land (*rus sex manentium*) in Stántún, in the territory of Magesætæ; with the Saxon boundaries. Dated A.D. 958. Indict. i, 2nd year of the king. Witnesses: Many bishops, earls and thegns.

(*Printed* in *Fac-similes of Anglo-Saxon MSS.*, vol. II, *Wells.*)

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2. 1061, Ap. 25.—Confirmation by Pope Nicholas [II] to Giso, bishop of Wells [*Willensis*] of the bishopric and all its possessions, *scilicet ipsum episcopatum cum omnibus rebus et possessionibus suis ac pertinentiis, mobilibus et inmobilibus seseque moventibus, castris, casis, villis, territoriis, œcclesiis, cum primitiis, et decimationibus, et cum omnibus quæ ei pia devotio fidelium sacris contulerit oblationibus*, &c. Dated vii Kal. Mai, MLXI, by the hand of Humbert, *Sanctæ Ecclesiæ Silvæ Candidæ Episcopi, et Apostolicæ Sedis bybliothecarii, anno III pontificatus domini Papæ Nicholai secundi.* Indict. xiiii.

(Printed in Hickes's *Thesaurus*, vol. I, *p.* 176.)

3. 1090–1, Jan. 27.—Foundation charter of William [II], son of King William, and "Monarch of Britain," granting the abbey of St. Peter, Bath, to John [de Villula] the bishop, in augmentation of the bishopric of Somerset. Dated at Dover, 6 Kal. Feb., 1090, with a clause setting forth that the grant was originally made at Winchester, A.D. 1088. Subscribed by many ecclesiastics and laymen. *Cf.* vol. I, *p.* 12.

4. Copy of No. 3.

5. [1136–1165.]—Statute made by Rodbert, bishop of Bath, respecting the disposition of the fruits of a prebend falling vacant, viz. two thirds to go to the surviving canons, for one year, they celebrating *debitas exequias* the whole of that year for the deceased brother; the other third to go according to the will of the deceased canon or to pay his debts; and enjoining that no canon should diminish or deteriorate his prebend for the sake of relationship or propinquity, and should in no wise turn the land of the rustics into free service for the sake of private friendship [*terram rusticorum nullatenus aliter privata amicitia vel servicio vertat in liberum servicium*]. [Repaired in medieval times, and some missing words supplied on a marginal slip.]

6. [1150–1165.]—Statute made by Robert, bishop of Bath, prohibiting the holding of fairs in the church or the *atrium* thereof. *Cf.* vol. I, *p.* 430.

(*Printed* in *Archæologia*, vol. 2, *p.* 350. *Cf.* Church's *Early History of the Church of Wells*, *pp.* 29, 359–362.)

7. 1164.—Appointment by Louis [VII], king of the French, of Reynold, archdeacon of Salisbury, to the abbacy of St. Exuperius at Corbeil. Dated at Melun, 1164. *Astantibus in palatio*, Count Theobald, the king's *dapifer*, Matthew the chamberlain, Guy the butler, &c. With the monogram of Hugh the chancellor.

(Printed in *Archæologia*, vol. 2, *p.* 348; Church, *op. cit.*, *p.* 357.)

8. [1174–1191.]—Grant by Reynold, bishop of Bath, to the canons of St. Andrew's, Wells, of their grange or barn

[*bertonam*], free of all service, and especially of the rent of 12 coins [*nummorum*] which they paid to us yearly. *Cf.* vol. I, *p.* 27.

9. [1174–1191.]—Certificate by Rainaud, bishop of Bath, of a sale in the bishop's court, in the presence of Master Ralph de Lichelade, bishop's steward, by Walter the Baker of Bath, with the consent of all his heirs, namely, Ralph, Ernald, William and Robert, of his land at Lanserleg, to Edward de Wellis and Hugh his heir, and all his heirs, for 5 marks to Walter, and 2*s.* divided between his heirs in court. Upon oath made by the said Walter that the original charter of the land to him by Robert [of Lewes] late bishop of Bath, was burned; the sale ratified by the bishop, saving the original rent of 3*s.* yearly due to the bishop for all service. Witnesses: Master Ralph de Lichel[ade], archdeacon of Bath, Richard, archdeacon of Coutances, Master Robert de Geldeford, Joceline the chaplain, Robert de Sancto Laudo, Sigrim, and others [named].

Pointed oval seal of the bishop, with smaller counter seal of the same.

10. [1184–1188.]—Inspeximus and confirmation by ——— of a grant by [Ralph] de Wilton, with the assent of Henry and William, his heirs, of all his land of Wellis, to Edward de Well', and his heirs by hereditary right, of the donor and his heirs, at a rent of 10*s.* yearly; Edward gave 50*s.* to the donor, a golden brooch to Wimare, the donor's wife, and 6*d.* each to Henry and William, the donor's sons. Witnesses: Master Alexander, subdean of Wells, Master Ralph de Lichel[ade], Robert Fitz-Payn, sheriff of Somerset, Richard de Mucegros, William son of Osbert, Gerard de Broet[on], and others [named]. Witnesses of the confirmation: Master Alexander, subdean of Wells, Peter de Wint[on], Joceline the chaplain, Master Roger, Matthias de Wint[on], Ralph Sansaver (*sine avero*), and others [named].

Mutilated at the top.

11. [*Ante* 1196.]—Confirmation by John, count of Mortain, of a grant by Reynold, bishop of Bath, of the manor of Nordcuri, with the church of the same vill and the land of Hacche, to St. Andrew's, Wells.

Cf. vol. I, *p.* 7.

12. [*cir.* Hen. II–Ric. I.]—Grant by Walter de Dunhefde, with the consent of his wife and heirs, to Adam de Leeton, and his heirs and whomsoever he shall make heir, of an acre of land in Wells near the latter's house, on the north side, paying 12*d.* yearly for all service. Witnesses: Thomas, the bishop's nephew, Ralph his brother, Master Miles, Richard Walensis, Gilbert son of Hastesil [?], and others [named].

Cf. vol. I, *p.* 29.

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13. [*cir.* late Hen. II–John.]—Grant by Walter de Dunheved, to Walter son of Herevey, his clerk, and his heirs, for his service, of a messuage lately held by Orderic Blund, on the east of the grantor's garden, with all his croft in Wells, paying yearly 18*d.* for all service. In recognition of this gift Walter [son of Herevey] has given a pair of gilt spurs to the grantor, and a pair of silver spurs to his son and heir Ernisius. Witnesses: Master Alexander, dean of Wells, Thomas, subdean, William de Dinra, Hugh son of Edward, Goceline his brother, Thomas de Cicestria, William son of Richard, Matthew de Tormerton, Leobert, William de Welleslia, Reynold de Wudeford, and others [named].

14. [1199,] Ap. 17.—Writ of John, Lord of England, notifying the knights and free tenants of the hundred of Nordcuri and the men of the same manor, of the grant to the canons of St. Andrew's, Wells, of the manor of Nordcuri, the advowson of the church, the land of Hacche, and the hundred, etc. Dated at Beauford, 17 April.
Cf. vol. I, *p.* 8.

15. 1199, Sept. 30.—Charter of King John confirming the said grant as made by King Richard and himself while count of Mortain. Witnesses: Geoffrey, archbishop of York, Roger, bishop of St. Andrew's, Earl David, William, earl of Arundel, William de Humetis, constable of Normandy, Hugh de Gornay. Dated at Le Mans, 30 Sept., 1 John.
Cf. vol. I, *p.* 6.

16. [1198–1199.]—Agreement between William, abbat, and the convent of Bec [in Normandy], and S[avaric], bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, and the dean and chapter of Wells, with regard to the church of Cliva [Cleeve].
Cf. vol. I, *p.* 489.

17. 1199.—Recital and ratification by Hubert [Walter], archbishop of Canterbury, of a grant by William, abbat, and the convent of Bec [in Normandy], with the assent of Savaric, bishop of Bath, and the dean and chapter of Wells, of St. Andrew's church at Cliva [Cleeve, Somerset], a prebend of Wells, to the abbat and monks of Cleeve, at a yearly rent of 44 marks to the said abbat and convent of Bec. Dated 1199, in the presence of Hubert, archbishop of Canterbury, Godfrey, archdeacon of Cambray, Simon, archdeacon of Wells, and others [named].

18. [1199–1216.]—Undertaking upon oath by Robert de Veteri Ponte to his lord, John, King of England, that neither he nor his heirs will use or show the charter which the said king made to him concerning Appelby and Burgh, so long as the king shall live, except with his consent. Witnesses: William de Brahosa, Hugh de Welles, Colin.

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19. [*cir.* 1203.]—Recital by E[ustace], bishop of Ely, S[ampson de Botington], abbat of St. Edmunds, and G[eoffrey], prior of Holy Trinity, Canterbury, of a commission directed to them by Pope Innocent [III], dated Velletri, viij kal. Oct., anno V of his pontificate, to settle the terms between the bishop of Bath and Glastonbury and the monastery of Glastonbury, respecting the disposition of the revenues of the latter, the custody of the seal, &c.; and the award so made in pursuance of the same.

(Printed in Hearne's *Adam of Domerham.*)

20. 1213, March 28.—Letters of commendation from Innocent [III] to [Jocelin], bishop of Bath, on behalf of a poor scholar of his diocese, who has been relieved by the pope of irregularity incurred by receiving minor orders when excommunicate, for that, when acting as teacher of his schoolfellows he beat them for the purpose of extorting money, and also laid violent hands on other clergy. He has been absolved from the excommunication by the abbat of St. Victor. Dated at the Lateran, 5 kal. April, in the 16th year of his pontificate.

21. [*cir.* 1214.]—Grant by Walter de Dunhefde, to Adam de Hereford, chaplain, of a moiety of a messuage (which Adam with my consent has bought from William the clerk, son of William the chaplain of Hornigedun) and land in Paulesham and Hornigedun, to hold to Adam and his heirs, paying yearly ¼*lb.* of cummin for all service except royal service. Witnesses: Thomas, precentor of Wells, Simon, succentor of Wells, Master William de Dinra, Henry de Traci, and others [named], and the whole hundred of Wells.

22. 1214, July 11.—Grant by Hugh, bishop of Lincoln, to Josceline, bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, in frank almoign, of half a knight's fee in Rugeberg and Draycot, &c.

Cf. vol. I, *pp.* 471–2.

23. [*cir.* early Hen. III.]—Confirmation by Lambert, subdean, and Richard de Wells, canons of Wells, executors and orderers [*ordinatores*] of the will of Master Adam Lok, mason, of a release by Thomas Lok, son and heir of Master Adam Lok, and Agnes, his relict, to Sir Roger de Chiwetun, chaplain of Josceline, bishop of Bath, of the houses and lands, &c., of the said Adam in the town of Wells.

Cf. vol. I, *pp.* 35–6.

24. 1219–20, March 9.—Speronus de Campomoldo of Piacenza, appoints Rufinus Molinarius, his proctor, to demand and recover 87½ marks from the bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, for which the late bishop Savaric had given pledge of his goods and his church. Dated, 1219, 8 Indict., Monday,

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9 March. In the *Major Ecclesia* of Piacenza. Witnesses: Gerard, advocate, John de Artusio, John Blanchcour, Albert de Ardito of Macenaxium [?], John Cavali of Ospedaletto [*Hospitaletum*].

Attested by the notarial *signum* of John Azo, notary of the Sacred Palace; and the confirmation of Vi[cedominus], bishop of Piacenza, etc.

25. [*cir.* 1217–1228.]—Grant by Mark, prior, and the convent of Montacute, Somerset, to Joscelin, bishop of Bath, of the advowson of Modiford, with all revenues, except tithes of demesne lands so long as they shall not be granted to others, which lands are named Bernardescroft, Binthehegh, Binthebury, Estinlond, Blakepol, Middelfurlang, La Sulue, and others. Witnesses: William [de Bardenay], archdeacon of Wells, Walter de St. Quintin, Henry, parson of Tintehull, Robert de Aula. Dated in the chapter house of Montacute, Michaelmas Day.

26. [*cir.* 1192–1205.]—Award by John, abbat of Ford, Humphrey, prior of Ford, and Baldwin, prior of Axem' [Axmouth], papal commissioners in a cause between Alexander, dean, and the chapter of Wells, on the one part, and Ernisius, canon of Wells, on the other part, concerning his prebend of Bideham.

See the terms of the award in vol. I, *p.* 50.

27. 1222–3, Feb. 19.—Institution by Richard, bishop of Salisbury, upon the presentation of Robert de Mandeville, knt., of Master Hugh de Greneford, clerk, to the living of Wytchurch, Dorset. Dated at New Sarum, by the hand of John the chaplain, xi kal. Mar., in the 5th year of the said Richard's pontificate.

Part of the bishop's seal remains.

Cf. vol. I, *p.* 527.

28. 1224.—Inspeximus and confirmation of the award of [Richard Le Poer], bishop of Salisbury, respecting the living of Whitchurche and the tithes of Wudeton Chapel. Dated 1224, by the hand of Robert, chancellor of Salisbury.

Imperfect. Cf. vol. I, *p.* 522.

29. [*cir.* early Hen. III.]—Grant and quitclaim by Walter de Dunhieved and Walter de Wyka to Joscelin, bishop of Bath, of their land, &c., within the close of Wells park and elsewhere.

Cf. vol. I, *p.* 477; Church, *Early History*, &c., *p.* 204.

30. 1229, Sept.—Agreement between Roger de Chyton, chaplain of Jocelin, bishop of Bath, and Thomas Lock and Agnes his mother. Thomas and Agnes grant to Roger, and his heirs or attorneys, the houses which they had in Wells, with ½ acre near Stoberg, late of Master Adam Lok, mason,

for 10 marks, viz. 5 paid in hand and 5 to be paid in the chapter at Wells at the end of the tenth year after the consecration of Master Richard, archbishop of Canterbury, subject to the deduction of any money that might be expended of necessity in the meanwhile in defending and safeguarding the said houses and land. They have delivered to Roger in the full hundred [court] of Wells all charters relating to the premises, and these are now lodged, by consent of both parties, in the treasury of Wells, in the custody of Master Lambert, the subdean, and Sir Richard de Wells, canon of Wells, who will hand them over on payment of the money in full.

Sealed with their seals, and at their request with the seals of Master Lambert, subdean of Wells, and Sir Richard de Wells, canon of Wells. Witnesses: Lambert, subdean of Wells, William, steward of Jocelin, bishop of Bath, Richard de Wells, canon of Wells, Walter de Bridioport, Godfrey de Sutton, Simon de Slimbrigg, vicars of Wells, Thomas Norais [and] Deodatus, masons, and Thomas Magot. Dated at Wells, Sept., 1229, in the tenth year of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, and the first of the pontificate of Richard, archbishop of Canterbury.

Cf. vol. I, *pp.* 35–36.

31. 1231, Dec.—Inspeximus and confirmation by Robert, bishop of Salisbury, of an award made in Dec., 1231, by H[enry], abbat of Syreburn, Master W. de Button, and Master Philip de St. David, in a cause between Hugh de Greneford, rector of Witechurch in Dorsetya, and the abbat and convent of Abbedesbiry, concerning the tithes of Wdeton; and also of a charter of Robert de Mandeville, patron of the church of Witechurch, ratifying the same.

Cf. vol. I, *p.* 524.

32. 1235–6, Jan. 13.—Roger, parson of Chyuton, canon of Wells, with the consent of Peter, dean, and the chapter of Wells, ordains that his houses in Wells, late of Master Peter Canutus, shall be held after his death by a canon of Wells for life, with power of appointment, paying 3*d.* yearly to the chapter of Wells and 12*d.* to the lord of the fee, and 10*s.* every year on the anniversary of my death for an obit; power to the dean and chapter to appoint on the like conditions to another canon on the death of the first. Dated, Id. Jan., 1235.

Cf. vol. I, *p.* 37.

33. 1235–6, Jan. 12.—Grant by Peter, dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Roger the Chaplain, their co-canon, of houses in Wells, lately of Master Peter Canutus, upon certain terms. Dated Pridie Idus Jan., 1235.

Cf. vol. I, *p.* 37.

34. 1237, May 1.—Grant by Josceline, bishop of Bath, to the dean and canons of Wells, in augmentation of their

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commons, of the church of Cungersbyri, with its chapels, to be held by them, reserving the right to appoint a vicar; the parson's court [*curia persone*] to belong to the dean and canons. Dated at Wells, by the hands of Master Walter de Maydenest[an], on the feast of St. Philip and St. James, apostles, in the 31st year of the grantor's pontificate.

Cf. vol. I, *p.* 49.

35. *cir.* 1230.—Grant by Helias the Chaplain, canon of Wells, to the chapter of Wells, of a manse in Wells called "Muntoria," paying yearly to Walter de Wika 12*d.* for all service and to John de Cardunvilla and Mirabel his sister and their heirs, 2*d.* It is not to be sold, but one canon after another is to reside there at a yearly rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* to be divided among the canons and vicars present at service on the day of the anniversary of the grantor.

Witnesses: Sir Peter de Chichester, dean of Wells, William, precentor, Master Aelard, chancellor, Master Richard, treasurer, Master Lambert, subdean, Robert de Camera, succentor, Richard de Wells, Master Robert de Berkelai, Ralph de Lidiard, Richard de Attebere, Richard de Cobbeham, canons of Wells, Adam de Hereford, William Luveseft, [and others], vicars, John the reeve of Wells, Walter the chamberlain, [and others].

36. *cir.* 1206–1242.—Grant by Katherine, late the wife of Henry de Waltham, to Sir Roger de Chiwton, chaplain of Joceline, bishop of Bath, of the third (falling to her as dower) of houses and land in Wells, which she abjures before the hundred [court] of Wells, for 4*s.*

Witnesses: Walter, the chamberlain, Laurence the reeve, John the dispenser, Adam Hub, James Arug, William Bucb', Thomas Magot.

37. *cir.* 1209.—Ratification by Walter Hosatus of Wika, of the sale which Ailric the smith made to Henry de Traci, of land which belonged to Osmund de Aqua in Wells, which he held of Walter de Dunheafde, to hold to Henry and his heirs or those whom he shall appoint his heirs, of Walter and his heirs, paying 15*d.* yearly for all service pertaining to Walter. If the bishop of Bath shall take a gift from his free burgesses, then Henry shall give Walter 15*d.*

Witnesses: Joceline, bishop of Bath, Alexander, dean, Master Ralph de Lichelade, precentor of Wells, Thomas de Dinan, subdean, Thomas de Tornacho, succentor, Master Roger de Sanford, Stephen de Tornacho, Simon de Cumton, Master W. de Dinra, and Peter de Chichester, canons of Wells, Roger and Helyas, chaplains of the bishop, Nicholas and Roger, chaplains, Walter the chamberlain, [and others].

38. *cir.* 1231–1238.—Grant by William the chaplain, proctor of the hospital of St. Bartholomew, London, and

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the brethren and sisters thereof, to Josceline, bishop of Bath, of 10*s.* quit-rent, which he used to pay to the said hospital yearly for part of his messuage, in the parish of St. Clement de Denissemannecherch, on the south of the church towards the Thames, paying yearly to Richard son of Edward and his heirs, 1*lb.* of pepper at Michaelmas for all demand; for which concession the bishop paid 9 marks.

Witnesses: Andrew Bukerel, mayor of London, Richard Renger, Roger le Duc, Terric de Colon, Stephen de la Strande, Richard son of Edward.

39. 1242, April.—Inspeximus by W[illiam Brewer], bishop of Exeter, of the following instruments relating to the arrangements agreed upon by the church of Wells and the church of Bath with regard to the election of bishops:—

i. Pope Alexander [III] to the dean, archdeacon, and chapter of Wells, confirming their election of R[eynold FitzJoceline], archdeacon of Salisbury, to the see of Wells. Dated at Anagni xiiii Kal. Mai, [1174].

ii. Pope Alexander [III] to the dean, precentor, archdeacon, and chapter of Wells, confirming their canonical customs. Dated at Anagni, vi Id. Jan., [? same year].

iii. Agreement between the church and convent of Bath and the church and chapter of Wells, for joint election of bishops. Sworn to and sealed by the prior and convent of Bath and Alexander, dean, and the chapter of Wells.

iv. Letter from Robert, prior, and the convent of Bath, to Pope Innocent [III], announcing the death of Bishop Savaric and the joint election of Master Jocelin, clerk of their church and canon of Wells. Subscribed by Robert, the prior, and many others. [*Mutilated.*]

v. Similar letter from Alexander, dean, and the chapter of Wells. Subscribed by all the chapter.

vi. Testimonial letters from W[ill. de St. Maria], bishop of London, G[ilbert de Glanville], bishop of Rochester, and many other bishops, to Pope I[nnocent III] on the same subject, and recording the assent of King John to the election.

vii. Similar letters from the same to J[ohn], cardinal deacon of Sta. Maria in Via Lata and legate apostolic, on the same subject.

viii. Royal assent to the election of the same, directed to the above cardinal. Dated 23 April, [1206], at Dokemerefeld. Witness: P[eter des Roches], bishop of Winchester.

Dated April, 1242. *Injured.* (Printed in *Archæologia*, vol. lii, *pp.* 103–7, and in Church's *Early History of the Church of Wells*, *pp.* 397, etc.)

40. 1242, July.—Inspeximus by J[oceline], bishop of Bath, W[illiam Brewer], bishop of Exeter, and W[illiam II], bishop of Norwich, of the following documents exhibited before them by the dean and chapter of Wells.

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i. Pope Alexander [III] to the dean, archdeacons, and chapter of Wells, confirming the election of R[eynold FitzJoceline], archdeacon of Salisbury, to the see of Wells. Dated at Anagni, xiiii Kal. Maii, [1174].

ii. Pope Alexander [III] to the dean, precentor, archdeacons, and chapter of Wells, confirming the liberties of the cathedral church, and desiring them to let no controversy arise between them and the church of Bath concerning elections of bishops. Dated, Anagni, vi Id. Jan., [1175].

iii. Articles of agreement made between the church and convent of Bath and the church and chapter of Wells, with respect to the joint election of bishops. Confirmed by oath of the prior and convent of Bath and Alexander, dean, and the chapter of Wells [*cir.* 1180].

iv. Robert, prior, and the convent of Bath, to Pope Innocent [III], announcing the death of Bishop Savaric, and the election of Bishop Joceline. Subscribed by Robert, prior, John, sub-prior, Martin, chamberlain, William, treasurer, Richard, subsacrist, Anselm, succentor, Serlo, subcellarer, Robert, granatar, John, third prior, [and others], [Feb., 1205–6].

v. Alexander, dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Pope I[nnocent III] to the same effect, subscribed by the dean, William, precentor, Hugh, archdeacon of Wells, Roger, chancellor of Wells, R. (?) archdeacon of Bath, [and others].

vi. Letters testimonial of the bishops (the see of Canterbury being vacant) of London, Rochester, Exeter, Salisbury, Ely, Coventry, Worcester, Norwich, Lincoln, Chichester and Winchester, to Pope I[nnocent III], to the same effect, announcing that King John had assented to the election, and desiring papal confirmation.

vii. Letters from the king signifying his assent to the said election, directed to J[ohn], cardinal deacon of Sta. Maria in Via Lata, then coming as legate to England. Witnessed by P[eter des Roches], bishop of Winchester, at Dokemerfelde, 23 April, [1206].

Dated July, 1242. Episcopal seal and counterseal.

Printed, as above.

41.—Original deed recited in no. 40, article iii, with signatures of all the witnesses Torn and discoloured.

41*a*. 1242, Oct. 17.—Ordinance of bishop Joceline, changing the *communia* of the canons and vicars from bread to money payments.

Witnesses: John Sarracenus, dean, and the chapter of Wells. Dated in chapter at Wells, 16 Kal. Nov., 1242, 37th year of pontificate.

[See Church's *Early History of the Church of Wells, pp.* 235–7. Found among muniments of St. Cross Hospital, Winchester, returned through the Very Rev. W. R. W. Stephens, dean of Winchester, on behalf of the Trustees, 1897.]

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42. 1243, Nov. 2.—Grant by the chapter of Wells to Sir Peter, son of the noble man Sir Peter Sarracenus of Rome [*de Urbe*], of the church of Cungresbure, with its chapels, upon presentation by the king, *sede vacante*, for life, at a rent of 40*s.*, in accordance with the ordinance of W[alter], archbishop of York, W[alter], bishop of Carlisle, and R[alph], bishop of Chichester. Dated in Wells chapter, 4 non. Nov., 1243.
Indented. CYROGRAPH.

43. *cir.* 1245.—Confirmation by Joceline son of Hubert, canon of Wells, and Reynold Knihtht, to Sir Miles, chaplain, and his assigns, of the sale of a tenement which they bought from Master Adam *Fisicus*, canon of Wells, paying yearly 4*d.* for all service. Witnesses: Sir Henry de London, canon of Wells, Walter the chamberlain, Philip de Wike, Master Thomas Norreis, David the chaplain, Laurence the reeve, William Buche, Godfrey Petit, [and others].

44. 1246, Aug. 19.—Inspeximus by Thomas, prior, and the convent of Bath, of a grant (dated at Banewell, May, 1246) by Roger, bishop of Bath and Wells, to the chapter of Wells, of the custody of the deanery of Wells, whenever it shall be vacant, both in spirituals and in temporals.
Dated at Bath chapter house, xiv Kal. Sept., 1246.

45. 1246, Aug. 19.—Recital and ratification by Thomas, prior, and the convent of Bath, of a letter of Roger, bishop of Bath and Wells, defining the procedure in the joint election of bishops by the two chapters. Dated at Bath, chapter house, 14 Kal. Sept., 1246. [Printed in Church's *Early History of the Church of Wells, pp.* 407–15.]

46. 1246, Aug. 13.—The letter of Bishop Roger recited in no. 45: dated Staweye, Id. Aug., 1246.

47. 1246.—Deed by Th[omas], prior, and the convent of Bath, respecting the settlement of certain disputes between the churches of Bath and Wells. Dated . . . 1246.
A fragment.

48. [*cir.* 1186–1188.]—Inspeximus by Ra[inaud], bishop of Bath, of a grant by Theodoric son of William de Mudiford, with the assent of Beatrice, his wife, and Henry and William, his sons, of the church of Mudiford, to St. Peter, St. Paul, and the monks of Montacute, in frank almoign; witnesses: Helias, chaplain of Cinnoch, Robert, priest of Stokes, William, chaplain of Montacute, William, chaplain of Odecumbe, etc.; and confirmation to Jocelin, the prior, and the convent of Montacute. Witnesses: Ralph [de Lechlade], archdeacon of Bath, Joceline, bishop's chaplain, John de Cumba, William the chaplain, Robert, chaplain of Martoch, [and others].

1247–1248.

49. *cir.* 1247–8.—Release by Margery de Stokes, in her widowhood and lawful power, to John, dean, and the chapter of Wells, of all claim to lands and fees in the manor of Norchuri [North Curry], with a clause invalidating any documents that may be produced to impugn the same ; in return for which the dean and chapter grant to her, for life, certain demesne lands in the same manor, and to Sibil, daughter of Simon de la Slo, for life, other lands there. Witnesses : Henry de Cerne, Hugh de Pimor, Roger de la Slo, Henry le Hundredman, [and others].

50. 1247–8, Feb. 2.—Indented agreement whereby the dean and chapter grant to Sibil, daughter of Simon de la Slo, niece [*nepota*] of Margery de Stokes, in consideration of the release by Margery de Stokes of one hide in Meridon [see no. 51], of 11½ acres in their demesne of Northcuri and 2 acres of meadow ; to hold to Sibil for life, at a rent of 12*d.* yearly. Witnesses, as in no. 49. Dated, the Purification, 1247.
Seal ; a star.

51. 1247–8, Jan. 20.—Indented agreement whereby Margery de Stokes, in her widowhood and lawful power, releases to the dean and chapter of Wells, a hide of land in Meridon and other claims in the manor of Northcuri ; the dean and chapter grant to Margery for life 11½ acres of land late granted to Sibil, daughter of Simon de la Slo, at Dogkesland and Lamlegh in the demesne of Northcuri, and 2 acres of meadow in their park of Northcuri, in exchange for the like quantity of land and meadow, for life. Witnesses : John de Aura, Richard Tregoz, vicar of Northcuri, Adam de Meridon, [and others]. Dated, St. Fabian and St. Sebastian, 1247.

52. 1247–8, Feb. 5.—Memorandum of adjournment of proceedings by the prior and convent of Bath and the canons of Wells in the chapterhouse at Bath, in the matter of the election of a bishop, at the instance of the prior of Winchester, J[ohn] de Plessetis, Earl of Warwick, and Master W[illiam] de Kilkenni, archdeacon of Coventry, the king's envoys *a latere*, until the morrow of St. Mathias. Dated at Bath, Wednesday, the feast of St. Agatha, 1247.

53. 1247–8, Feb. 25.—Certificate by Richard the sub-prior and Henry de Sokerwyk', monks delegated by the prior and convent of Bath, and Master Robert de Mariscis, and Gilbert de Byham, canons delegated by the dean and chapter of Wells, of the election of Master William de Button, archdeacon of Wells, to the see of Bath and Wells in succession to Roger, late bishop. Dated, 25 Feb., 5 Kal. March, the morrow of St. Mathias ; pontificate of Pope Innocent IV, 1247.
Capitular seal and counter seal.

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54. 1249, Oct. 23.—Mandate of W[illiam Bitton], bishop of Bath and Wells, to the abbats, priors, archdeacons, deans, &c., of the diocese, accrediting Master J. de Axebr[idge] and N. de Cranford, clerks, his proctors, to convey to them the mandate apostolic which he has lately received, &c. Dated at Merton, 10 Kal. Nov., 1249, 2nd year of the bishop.

55. 1250, [Ap. 10.]—Deed setting forth that Uguccio, called Mace, merchant of Florence, of the society of John Gualfredi, proctor of Ildicius, perpetual vicar of Cristemeleford, has received at London, for the above named Ildicius, from the dean and chapter of Wells, at the hands of Master Robert de Evesham and Gilbert, vicar of the church of Wells, 18 marks, 10*s*., part of a sum of 25 marks due to him for farm of the vicarage of Cristemeleford, a fortnight after Easter, 1250; the dean and chapter shall pay the balance, 6 marks 40*d*., for the Pope's subsidy. Witness: H[enry] de Cornhyll, dean of St. Paul's, London, who has affixed his seal at my request. Dated at London, the Sunday when *Misericordia Domini* is chanted, 1250.

56. 1256–1284.—Grant by Walter le Frie to Edward, dean, and the chapter of Wells, of the homage and service of Richard Bucel, son and heir of the late William Bucel, for the free tenement held by the said William of the grantor in the manor of Nortchury. Witnesses: Henry called "hundredar," Walter then "hundredar," William Gyen, Nicholas de Welinthun, [and others].

57. [late 13th cent.]—Grant by Hugh de la Wyche to Hugh de la Hele, of the wardship and profit of 3 acres of land in Huntham, lately held by Richard Buscel by military service, during the minority of Adam, son and heir of the said Richard, and failing him, during the minority of William son of the said Richard. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Loveny, knt., William de Thorne, Geoffrey de la Slo, Thomas de Mere, Walter Hundr[edar], William de Meridon, Walter le Frye, and Richard le Frye.

58.—Release by Agnes relict of William atte More to ———, of a tenement in Chamberlain Street, Wells. Witnesses: Edmund de Welleslegh, William de la Wythie, Richard Gygoun, Nicholas de Palton. Dated at Wells, Monday, Translation of St. Thomas, martyr.

Oval seal; a star of eight points. S' AGNETI RELICT' WILL' D'LA MOR.

59. [*Temp.* Hen. III.]—Confirmation by John de Aura of a grant made by Eva de Churnleghe, daughter of Robert Wither, in her widowhood and lawful power, to Master Simon Gyan, her kinsman, his heirs and assigns, of land in La Wudebreche, La Cliste, La Hele, etc.; paying 23½*d*. yearly

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for all service except royal service; witnesses: Henry le Hundredman, Walter the merchant, Robert de Mere, [and others]. Witnesses: Hugh de Gayhurste, Roger de la Slo, Walter de Widecumb, Walter de la Lade, Walter de la Santpitte, [and others].

Round seal; a 5-pointed star. S' JOHANNIS DE AVRE. See no. 63.

60. 1255–1268.—Grant by Geoffrey de Brideport, to Hugh his son, of a rent of 20*s.* yearly out of houses formerly belonging to Hugh, archdeacon of Bath, opposite the front of St. Andrew's church, Wells, and the reversion of the same; also two marks rent and the reversion of his land of Fotton (?) in Blakeford manor; for his life, paying 1*d.* (?) yearly for all service, except royal service and the rents of the chief lords. Witnesses: Hugh de Romenale, treasurer, Roger, subdean, Richard de Button, succentor, John de Button, provost of Wells, [and others].

61. [Late Hen. III.]—Grant by Roger Burgeyis to Richard son of Yvo Code, of a messuage lately held by his father William [Burgeyis] and an area of curtilage which he bought of Mirabella daughter of John de Cardeville; to hold to Richard, his heirs and assigns, paying yearly to Sir John de Palton 6*d.* and to Sir Ernis de Dunheved 3*d.*, and to Sir John de Palton 2*d.* for the said area, for all service. In exchange for a messuage held lately by Yvo [Code] in High Street, Wells. Witnesses: Philip de Wikes, Bartholomew de Emneberg, knts., Walter, chamberlain, Gilbert son of the archdeacon, [and others].

Oval seal; a fleur-de-lis. [S' . .] ROGERI BVRGEIS.

62. 1245–1255.—Grant, for 40*s.*, by Roger le Butiller to Geoffrey de Bridiport, his heirs and assigns, of 4 acres of land in Wells, in the east field, late belonging to Mariota de Wells, which Peter de Cicestre, late dean of Wells, bought of her and gave to the grantor; paying to the bishop, 8*d.* yearly for all service. Witnesses: Sir H. de London, treasurer of Wells, William de Leycestre, bailiff of Wells, Walter the chamberlain, [and others].

Round seal; a cross fleury. S' ROGERI LE BVTILER.

63. [*Temp.* Hen. III.]—Grant by Eva de Churnleghe, daughter of Robert Wither, to Master Simon Gyan, her kinsman, his heirs and assigns, of land in La Wudebreche, La Clive Borealis, Stathemore, La Hele, La Holemore, &c.; paying yearly 23½*d.* for all service except royal service, and a payment of 3½ marks sterling for entry; with power to sell to any except religious men or Jews. Witnesses: Henry "le Hundredman," Walter the merchant, Robert de Merre, Adam de Myriedun, [and others].

Round seal; an ornamental rosette. S' EVVE DE CHVRNLEGE. See no. 59.

64. [*Temp.* Hen. III.]—Confirmation by Lawrence son of Eva de Chernlegh, to William Gyan, his heirs and assigns, whose homage he has received, of a grant by her to Master Simon Gyan of land in La Wudebreche, More, La Clyve, La Hele and La Holemore, &c. Witnesses: Henry le Hundredman, Adam de Muridon, Roger Hughes [*Hugonis*], Roger White [*Albus*], Walter Caucy, [and others].

65. [13th–14th cent.]—Release by William de Clona, chaplain, to Edmund de Wellesleghe, "hundredar" of Wells, of a tenement in Chamberlaynestrete, Wells, for 5 marks paid in hand. Witnesses: Thomas de Welleslegh, knt., Richard de Rodenye, bailiff of Wells, Adam Canun, [and others].

Heater-shaped seal; a priest officiating at mass. S' WILL'I DE CLON' SAC'DOT'S.

66. [*ante* 1253.]—Grant by Richard son of Yvo Code to William, archdeacon of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of a messuage late belonging to Roger Burgeys, and land in Chalvecroft, paying yearly to Sir J . . . [?] —*d.* and to Sir Ernis de Dunheved 3*d.* Witnesses: Master Robert de Berkeley, subdean of Wells, . . . Walter, chamberlain, William Bucch, Laurence son of William, [and others]. *Imperfect.* See no. 61.

67. [*Temp.* Hen. III.]—Grant by Robert de Culern to Walter de Sutton, his heirs and assigns, of land in West Pennard [Somerset], paying yearly a pair of white gloves price 1*d.*, or 1*d.* at Easter; for 6 marks in hand. Witnesses: Sir Nicholas de Lusteshale, steward of Glastonbury, Reynold Huse, Martin de Legh, [and others].

68. [*Temp.* Hen. III.]—Inspeximus by William de Elmam of a grant by Nicholas, his son, to the chapter of Wells, of the land of Lamleg' in the manor of Northehori, paying yearly to . . . 12*d.*; for 5 marks paid in hand; witnesses: Sir Walter the chamberlain, Sir Philip de Wike, Geoffrey de Wudeford, [and others]. Witnesses, as above. *Imperfect.*

69. [*Temp.* Hen. III.]—Indented agreement between the chapter of Wells and William de Elmcham and Alice his wife, whereby the chapter grant to the said William and Alice, for their lives, a load of wheat and a load of rye yearly, and quitclaim them from the *netaria* (?) and churchscot (chirisett) of half a load of wheat, in consideration of the gift and confirmation which Nicholas the clerk and William his father have made to the chapter; but the said William and Alice shall pay 5*s.* yearly and perform all customs and services due from the land, other than *netaria* and churchscot. *Imperfect.*

70. [? *Temp.* Edw. III.]—Grant by Robert Gyan, son and heir of William Gyan of Northcory, to Masters William de Littleton, John de Hywysch, and Stephen de Hulle, canons of Wells, and the heirs and assigns of Stephen, of a messuage and lands in La Schorteclyve, with rents and services due from Thomas de Sowy, for lands and tenements and a windmill in Cherlegh in the hundred of Northcory, and with reversion of the said lands and mill. Witnesses: Matthew de Clyvedon, John atte Sloo, John Waspray, Richard Everard, [and others]. Apparently never executed.

71. [*Temp.* Hen. III.]—Grant by John de Laverlega to Nicholas Syrwold, and the heirs of his body, of a "ferdell" of land in the vill of Suttun Abbots, and a moiety of 2 crofts in the vill of West-Pennard; paying yearly 2*s.* 1*d.* to William Huse, and to the almoner of Glastonbury ½*d.* at Easter, for all service except royal service. Witnesses: William, lord of Estret, Robert de la Lavendrye, Walter Cotele, [and others].

72. [*Temp.* Hen. III or Edw. I.]—Release by Robert son of Herbert "le Maszun" and Iseude his wife, to Robert, called the Dyer [*tinctor*], vicar of the church of St. Andrew, Wells, his heirs and assigns, of a rent of 6*d.* yearly out of a messuage near the schools, Wells; for 5*s.* Witnesses: Richard de London, Richard de Dultycote, Richard Dikedale, [and others].

73. [Late Hen. III.]—Release in pure alms, for 4 marks paid in hand, by Thomas de Giverny, son and heir of Roger de Giverny the second, to Edward, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, of land, late belonging to Cristina daughter of Thomas de Bolonia, his great-grandmother [*proava*], in the manor of North Kury. Witnesses: Philip de Button, Simon le Peyntur, Richard de London, Thomas le Chamberleyn, [and others].

Pointed oval seal; an eightleaved flower, between two trefoils. S' THOME: DE: GIVERNI.

74.—Another copy of No. 73; seal as before.

75.—Another copy of No. 73. Witnesses: Sir Philip de Cantelo, knt., Geoffrey de la Slo, Simon de Mere, Adam de Myredon, Henry the Hundredar, [and others].

76. [? *Temp.* Hen. III.]—Grant by Cristina Scovyn, in her widowhood and full power, to Simon called "Le Kyng" of Wells and Juliana his wife, their heirs and assigns, of 2*s.* rent out of a messuage in Southovere, which Walter de la Borecote, clerk, held of the gift of Sabina Dykedale, sister of the above Cristina; for 18*s.* in hand. Witnesses: Adam Canun, John de Garselade, William de Legh, John Gylemayde, Robert Bouch, clerk, [and others].

Round seal; an ornamental cross. S' CRISTINE SCOVEN.

77. [*Temp.* Hen. III.]—Grant by John de Sutton, son of Richard de Spaxton, to Robert called the Dyer [*tynctor*], vicar of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of a tenement in Wells, formerly of Richard le Norreis, '*ad la Muntorie*' next the schools of Wells; for a payment of 9 marks. Witnesses: Hugh Everard, bailiff of Wells, Richard de London, Roger de Mudesl'ege, [and others].

78. [*Temp.* Hen. III or Edw. I.]—Grant in free alms by Gilbert de Thorn to Edward, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, of 6 acres of wood in Thorn, near the dean and chapter's wood of Halshangre, on the west side. Witnesses: Sir Philip de Cantilupo, Richard de Cam, Richard de London, Henry the Hundredar, William Buscel, Adam de Muridon, and Roger Huet.
Pointed oval seal; ? a thorn tree. . . . ERTI . . .

79. [? *Temp.* Hen. III.]—Grant by John son of Richard de Welles, to Adam son of Thomas de la More, his heirs and assigns, of land in Northcroft, paying yearly 3*d.* for all service; for 2*s.* to the grantor and 12*d.* to Juliana his wife. Witnesses: John son of Henry de Welles, "etc." Fifteenth century copy.

80. [*Temp.* Hen. III.]—Grant by William, called Archdeacon, vicar of Wells, to the dean and chapter of Wells, of houses in Wells, near those formerly of Ralph *Preciosus*, for an anniversary commemoration in their church according to custom, paying yearly 11*d.* to the chief lords for all service. Witnesses: Walter Hubert, Richard Lundr' [? *Londrensis*], Master Simon de St. Albans, [and others].

81. [? *Temp.* Hen. III or Edw. I.]—Inspeximus by Alexander Hosatus, of Wyka, of the following charters.

(1) Grant by William Gele to Elias de Cumba, vicar of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of part of a messuage late belonging to Turald le Machun, in Byestewalle Street in Wells, paying yearly to Sir Walter de Wyk 2½*d.* and to the grantor ½*d.* for all service; for 22*s.* 2*d.* paid in hand. Witnesses: Richard *Norrensis*, Master Simon *Pictor*, John de Wynthon, [and others].

(2) Grant by Thomas Turold to the same, of his part of the same messuage, paying yearly to Sir Walter de Wyke 2½*d.* and to the grantor a clove gillyflower for all service; for 22*s.* 3*d.* paid beforehand. Witnesses as in (1).

(3) Grant by Maud daughter of the late Turold le Machun, to the same, of her part of the same messuage, paying yearly to Sir Walter de Wyke 2½*d.* and to the grantor a clove gillyflower for all service; for 22*s.* 3*d.* paid beforehand. Witnesses as in (1).

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(4) Grant by Joan daughter of the late Turold le Machun, of her part of a piece of land late belonging to her said father, paying yearly to the grantor a peppercorn, for all service except forinsec service of the king; for 6*s*. paid beforehand. Witnesses: Robert Blakett, bailiff of Wells, [and others as in (1)].

(5) Grant by Isota daughter of Thurold le Machun, to the same, of her part of the piece of land late belonging to her said father, at a peppercorn rent, and 6*s*. beforehand [as in (4)]. Witnesses as in (4.)

82. 1251.—Memorandum that on Sunday after All Saints, 1251, the suffragans of the province of Canterbury met for the dedication of the Cistercian monastery of Heyles, in the diocese of Worcester, viz. H[ugh], bishop of Ely, R[obert], bishop of Lincoln, W[alter], bishop of Worcester, F[ulk], bishop of London, W[alter], bishop of Norwich, W[illiam], bishop of Salisbury, R[ichard], bishop of Exeter, R[ichard], bishop of Chichester, W[illiam], bishop of Bath and Wells, Th[omas], bishop of St. Davids, L[awrence], bishop of Rochester, and [Anian], bishop of St. Asaph; and on the morrow they met at Wynchecombe for expediting certain business before the king of England. They there agreed to send Master John de Cheham to the apostolic see on their own business and that of those subject to the archbishop of Canterbury, viz. to obtain the grace of the apostolic see touching the visitation and procuration attempted by the archbishop in the city and diocese of London, and likely to be attempted against other bishops of the province; to obtain letters apostolic for compelling all suffragans of the province, houses of religion non-exempt, and clergy to contribute to the subsidy for the apostolic see; and to act in the matter of recalling the grace lately made to the archbishop on the first fruits of ecclesiastical benefices. The said bishops jointly promised him 100 marks for his expenses, and 200 marks, by way of salary, if he should obtain the letters enforcing contributions to the subsidy; if not 100*l*. by way of salary. To do this, the bishops, touching their breasts, bound themselves and their successors. For further security, they subjected themselves and their property to the authority of the bishops of Norwich and Bath and Wells, who made themselves primarily liable for the expenses and salary, the 100*l*. or the 200 marks to be paid within six months of Master John's return to England. The bishops of Lincoln, London, Bath and Wells, and St. David's, affixed their seals. Dated at Winchecombe, 8 Id. Nov., 1251.

83. 1251.—Indented agreement, whereby Geoffrey de Bridiport undertakes to pay to Lady Agatha de Meisy 20*l*. yearly during her life for the manor of Kerchel, co. Dorset, which she gave him; and 100*s*. to two chaplains to

commemorate her yearly in the greater church at Wells, as appears by his charter to the chapter in this behalf; power of distress. Witnesses: Sir Henry, treasurer of Wells, Peter prior of the Hospital, Wells, Matthew de Burnham, Philip de Butthon, [and others]. Dated, octave of St. Martin, 1251.

84. 1253.—Record of the formula of excommunication pronounced on the 3rd of the Ides of May, in the Great Hall of Westminster, in the presence of King Henry III, R[ichard], earl of Cornwall, R[oger], carl of Norfolk and Suffolk, marshal of England, H[umphrey], earl of Hereford, H[ugh], earl of Oxford, J[ohn], earl of Warwick, and others, by the archbishop of Canterbury, and the bishops of London, Ely, Lincoln, Worcester, Norwich, Hereford, Salisbury, Durham, Exeter, Carlisle, Bath, Rochester, and St. Davids, against the transgressors of the liberties of the church and the liberties or free customs of the realm of England, and especially those contained in the charters of Common Liberties and *de Foresta*. Dated, 1253, 3 Id. May.

(Printed in *Fœdera*, vol. i, *p.* 289.)

Of the fourteen seals of the prelates only a small fragment of one remains.

85. 1259.—Appropriation by William [de Button], bishop of Bath and Wells, with consent of John de Button, rector of Cungrebyr', of the advowson of that church to the canons of Wells, to be held by the dean and canons of Wells (the bishop presenting on vacancies) subject to certain services. Dated, Wells, 17 Kal. May, 1259, 11th year of the bishop.

86. 1260.—Grant by E[dward de la Cnoll], dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Robert *Speciarius*, his heirs and assigns, of a house in Chaumberlayne St., Wells, which Walter the Chamberlain gave for his obit, paying yearly 3*s*. to the communar of the chapter, and 6*d*. to the chief lord, and discharging all burdens whether ecclesiastical or mundane. Dated at the chapter, Wells, St. Gregory, 1260.

87. 1260.—Inspeximus by William [de Button], bishop of Bath and Wells, of letters, dated Thursday after St. Nicholas, 1259, of P[eter], prior of the Hospital and Fraternity of St. John, Wells, whereby he is bound to the dean and chapter in a yearly rent of one mark payable to the communar of Wells Cathedral, at the obit of William de Wethamstede, formerly provost of Cumbe, and for this bond Philip de Button granted to the said prior and fraternity, two messuages in High St., Wells. Dated at Banewell, xv Kal. Dec., in the 12th year of the said William, bishop [1260].

88. [*Temp.* Hen. III or Edw. I.]—Release by Cicely Scovyn, daughter and heir of Cristina Scovyn, to Simon called Le Kyng

of Wells and Juliana his wife, of a yearly rent of 2*s.* in Wells, which Cristina used to receive for a messuage in Southovere. Witnesses: Adam Canum, John de Garselade, William de Legh, John Gylemayde, [and others].

Round seal; a fleur-de-lys. S' CECILIE SCOVYN.

89. [*Temp.* Hen. III or Edw. I.]—Inspeximus and confirmation by Robert Gyngheloth of the following charter of his chief lord:—

Grant by Peter de Wodeford to Edward, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, in free alms, for celebrating the obit of Mabel Buche in the greater church, of a yearly rent of 4*s.* payable by Robert Gyngeloth out of two messuages, one in the street leading towards Ysaackesmede and the other in St. Cuthbert's St., and 12*d.* out of the house of his [Peter's] brother Thomas. Witnesses: Richard Londrais, Henry de Winton, [and others].

Robert binds himself, his heirs and assigns to pay an additional 12*d.* rent for his houses, making it 5*s.* Witnesses: Richard de London, Philip de Butthon, Adam Canun, [and others].

90. 1262.—Grant, for 20*s.*, by William Slavyne [?] of Cote, to the church of All Saints at Mertok, and Hugh, rector of the same, in free alms, of land on the east side of Hugh's barton, 80 feet long and 42 feet broad, for the enlargement of his court. Witnesses: Robert de Paris, steward of Sir Engeram de Feynnes, Roger Eustace of Mudeslegh, Hugh de la Lane of Ivelcestre, William Hugelin, Walter le Messager, Simon, clerk, Martin de Wynescumb, and Alan, bailiff of the prior of Otriton. Dated, Mertok, 8 Id. April, 1262.

91. 1263.—Final concord made on the 15 of Trinity, 47 Henry III, at Ivelcestre, before Robert de Brywes, and others, justices in eyre, between Edward, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, querents, and John de Aure, deforciant, settling the claim of the dean and chapter to exercise their rights in cases of fugitives and outlaws within their liberty of Norheury; and giving permission to the same to inclose their meadows and pastures called Corymormede, etc., and defining the duties of the deforciant in respect of his holdings, tithes, and suit of court, both for himself and his men of Stathe, who may be hereafter in one "thethyng" and answer by their own "thyngman" in the hundred at two law days yearly.

(*Cf.* Green's *Somerset Fines*, vol. 1, *pp.* 189–191.)

92. 1263.—Grant by Robert, prior of Staverdale, of the order of St. Victor, and the convent of the same, to Sir John de Axebrigg, sub-dean of Wells, of a rent of 30*s.*, payable in the greater

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church [*in majori ecclesia*] of Wells to John and his assigns during his life, and afterwards to the dean and chapter; to be delivered to any vicar of the place who shall each day celebrate at the altar of Blessed Mary Magdalen, for the soul of the said John, his benefactors, and all faithful departed; with power of distress. For this John has given us 40 marks to buy for our church a virgate of land at Curchelesham in the parish of Wyncanton. *Et ad majorem securitatem omnium premissorum et singulorum, Willelmus, venerabilis pater Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopus, hanc concessionem et donacionem nostram ratam habens et gratam ad nostram instanciam, sigillum suum duxit apponendum.* Dated in the month of July, xiii Kal. Aug. [July 20], 1263.

Pointed oval seal, imperfect, bearing a standing figure of St. James the Apostle holding a staff in the right hand and a book (?) in the left. SIGILL' ECCLES[IE SANCTI IACO]BI DE STAVERDALE.

93. 1263.—Duplicate or counterpart of no. 92. (Printed in Hoare's *Monastic Remains, p.* 149.)

Seal and counter seal of William [de Bitton], bishop of Bath and Wells, imperfect. On the obv. on a diapered ground a full length figure of the bishop, and a cathedral tower. . . . SIS . . . On the reverse the bishop in the base under an arch, adoring three seated figures. . . . RMANOR . . .

Seal of the prior, pointed oval, bearing an Agnus Dei. S' ROB'I P'ORIS DE STAVERDD'NE.

94. 1266.—Grant by John, the prior, and the convent, of Worspring, of the order of St. Victor, to Sir John de Axebrugge, sub-dean of Wells, of a rent of 20*s.* yearly, to be paid to a vicar appointed by the subdean at the altar of St. Mary Magdalen, for a daily service for the soul of the said prior, for 30 marks given to us by the said John to buy land and rents for our house. Walter, bishop of Bath and Wells, has affixed his seal at our request. Dated, 22 July, xi Kal. Aug., 1266.

95. 1268.—Indenture, whereby Geoffrey de Brideport is bound to Edward, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, to pay 100*s.* yearly in the church of Wells, out of the land of Kerchel, to maintain four priest-vicars of the church of Wells, for two anniversaries every year for the souls of dame Agatha de Meysy, and her ancestors, and of Geoffrey de Brideport and Margery his wife and their ancestors and heirs, in the chapel of Blessed Mary on the south side of the greater church of Wells. Witnesses: Philip de Button, Laurence de Cumpton, Richard de London, steward of the dean, Richard de Dultingcote, John Annore, burgesses of Wells, John de Mortune, William de la Cnolle, and Geoffrey de Lucy. Dated, Wells, Wednesday after palm sunday, 1268.

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Cf. vol. 1, *p.* 105 (where in the margin, "Brideport set nunc Chideok"): vol. 1, *p.* 378.

96. 1268.—Grant by Robert, the prior, and the convent of Berliz [Barlinch,] of the order of St. Augustine, of a yearly payment of 100*s.* to the dean and chapter of Wells, to maintain two chaplains, vicars of the church, and to support the lamps, ornaments, etc., and relieve the poor, and to celebrate daily for the soul of the late Hugh de Romenal, treasurer of Wells, who had greatly benefitted the said convent by a gift of 200 marks, wherewith they had acquired 100*s.* rent in villeinage and ½ virgate of land in the manor of Wynesford, and the advowson of the church there. The convent also undertaking to distribute a pittance of 4*s.* on the anniversary of the deceased among the poor. *Si autem presens obligacio et cautio, procedente tempore, vetustate vel alias fracte seu consumpte fuerint, nos cautionem et securitatem hujusmodi quoties et quando decanus et capitulum aut successores sui voluerint innovabimus et sigillabimus iterato.* Dated, Wells, 6 id. Nov. [8 Nov.], 1268.

Seal, pointed oval; the prior under an arch, adoring St. Nicholas. S' ROBTI P'ORIS S'C'I NICHOLAI DE B'LIZ.

Fragment of pointed oval seal of William, bishop of Bath and Wells.

97. 1268.—Lease by Master Walter de Lechelade, succentor of Wells, to Richard the Fuller and Alexander the Fuller, for their lives, of a house divided into two, near to that of Thomas le Veil, in Wells, at 8*s.* rent.

98. 1269.—Agreement whereby Walter de Lechelade, succentor of Wells, with the assent of William, bishop of Bath and Wells, and of the chapter of Wells, grants and releases to Robert, the abbat, and the convent of Glastonbury, 1½ acres of land at Wotton in Brocforlang, so that it may be inclosed and improved; the abbat and convent may hold in peace the mill and the mill-stream, which they have made there, and may inclose other land there, and may improve and let for yearly rent to the precentor of Wells, the rector of Pulton, and to the free tenants and others of the whole manor of Pulton, 100 acres of moor in Wotton. The abbat and convent confirm to the succentor and his successors 20 acres of land in the moor of Wotton, paying yearly one mark for all service. Witnesses: Sir Elias Cotele, Sir Warine de Sicca Villa, Sir Roger Fitz Payn, knts., [and others]. Dated Michaelmas, 1269.

Pointed oval seal of the abbat, fragmentary. On the reverse, a subject perhaps the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. . . . INE . . .

Obverse, a full-length figure.

99. [*cir.* 1269.]—Inspeximus by the prior and convent of the cathedral church of Bath, of

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(1) A grant in frank almoin by William I, bishop of Bath and Wells, to the church of St. Andrew, Wells, and to the dean and chapter, of land, and the advowson of the church, at Stoke Gummer. Witnesses: Henry de Erlegh, John de Aure, [and others].

(2) Appropriation of the above by William II, bishop of Bath and Wells, to the dean and chapter of Wells, with conditions of its tenure set forth in detail. Dated at Woky, 6 nones October, 12[69], 5th year of the bishop.

Dated , . . *Imperfect.*

100. [1256–1284.]—Grant in free alms by John de Laverton to Edward [de la Cnoll], dean, and the chapter of Wells, of 2 virgates of land in Perte in the manor of Laverton, which Isabel de la Doune, relict of Richard de la Doune, and Juliana, relict of Gilbert Huggel, hold, with the homage and services of tenants, villeins and their *sequelæ*. Witnesses: Sir Henry de Monteforti, Peter de Norton, Henry de Monteforti of Nony, Richard de London, [and others].

101. [*Temp.* Hen. III or Edw. I.]—Grant by John, called Fortis, chancellor of Wells, to Sir W[alter] de Lechelade, succentor of Wells, of a tenement in Wells in Biestewalle, bought from John de Hereford, to him and his successors, paying yearly to the chief lords, viz: to the lord of Dunheved ½*lb.* of cumin and of columbar', two pairs of white gloves to the heir of Sir Walcrand de Welesleye, and to the communar of Wells 10*s.*, for all service except royal service. After John's death, the 10*s.* is to pay for services for his soul on his anniversary. Witnesses: Sir Philip de Wykes, Richard de London, Richard de Dultingcote, [and others].

102. [*Temp.* Hen. III or Edw. I.]—Grant by Laurence Wodelond to Juliana, his eldest daughter, her heirs and assigns, except Jews, of the third part of his tenement in Chaumberleinestrete, Wells, paying yearly 4*d.* for all service; she gave two marks. Witnesses: Richard de Dulticote, Richard Dikedale, John le Especer, Niol the priest's son, [and others].

Pointed oval seal; a 4-leafed flower. S' LAVRANC' WODELAND.

103. [*Temp.* Hen. III or Edw. I.]—Grant by Robert son of Thorgod to Geoffrey de Brideport, and his heirs, of a meadow in Wells, in Ysaackesmede, paying 6*d.* to St. Andrew's church, Wells, for all service; Geoffrey gave 26*s.* 8*d.* Witnesses: Sir Hugh, sub-dean of Wells, Walter Huberd, William Cardigan, [and others].

104. 1271.—Document by Walter de Lechelade, succentor of Wells, setting forth the terms of a gift by John called Fortis,

chancellor of Wells, of a tenement in Biestewalle St., which he bought from John de Hereford, to the succentors, on condition of a yearly rent of ½*lb.* of cumin and two pairs of white gloves to the chief lords, and 10*s.* to the communar of the cathedral, which 10*s.* was to be employed, after the chancellor's death, on his anniversary, as appears by his charter; and setting out certain conditions, made with the consent of William, bishop of Bath and Wells, and of the dean and chapter, for securing the payment of the said rents. Dated, St. Laurence, 1271.

105. 1271.—Lease for 20 years by Ralph Randalf to Thomas Ponich and Alice his wife, of a house in Southovere, Wells; rent 6*d.*; the lessees to pay the rent due to the chief lord; they gave 29*s.* Witnesses: Richard de Dultingcote, Richard Dykedale, Thomas de Wudeford, [and others]. Dated, Michaelmas, 1271.

Round seal; a crescent moon enclosing a star. S' THOME PONIKE.

106. 1272.—Acknowledgment by the master, Brother John de Troubrigge, and the brethren of St. Mark's House, Byleswikes, near Bristol, of the receipt of 30 marks from the dean and chapter of Wells, for payment of debts, etc.; giving in return 20*s.* yearly to be bestowed on a chaplain celebrating for the soul of the late Hugh de Romenal, treasurer of Wells, from whose goods the said 30 marks came, as ordered by his will; and giving power of entry upon their manors of Poulet and Stocklond in default of payment. Dated, Chapterhouse of St. Marks, Tuesday after St. James the Apostle, 1272.

107. 1272.—Acknowledgment by Brother John de Troubrigge, master of the House of St. Mark of Bileswykes, near Bristol, of the receipt of 90 marks, from the dean and chapter of Wells, for settlement of loans due to creditors and usurers (*feneratores*), giving in return a yearly rent of 6*s.* 4*d.*, on condition of commemoration of the anniversary of John de Hereford, canon of Wells, &c. Dated, Chapterhouse of St. Mark's, Friday after St. James, 1272.

Fragment of seal of the bishop of Bath and Wells.

108. [*Temp.* Hen. III or Edw. I.]—Grant by Philip de Pulton, called Canun, to Gilbert de Bruges, vicar of Wells, and Martin de la Forde of Wynescumbe, their heirs and assigns, of a messuage in Suthovere St., Wells, near St. John's hospital; paying yearly a rose on the feast of St. John the Baptist for all service; Gilbert and Martin gave 40*s.* Witnesses: Richard de London, Master Simon *Pictor*,. Nicholas called Preust, [and others].

109. 1274.—Grant by William de Chedmers to John de Bykenaure and Clarice his wife, their heirs and assigns, of

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3 acres of land in Chaldewille, which William had of the gift of Ralph de Treberge, situate nearest La Holeweye, on the south, except one acre ; paying yearly 3 peppercorns to the grantor and 1*d.* to John Safyn, for all secular service. Warranty against all mortals, Christians or Jews. John and Clarice gave 6 marks. Witnesses : Geoffrey de Hywis, John de Corendone, William de la Roche, Jordan de Wlforstone, Ralph le Frie, [and others]. Dated, Friday, feast of St. David, 1274.

110. 1274.—Recital by R[obert Kilwarby], archbishop of Canterbury, of depositions by William de Smalebroke, canon of Wells, envoy of the dean and chapter, that Brother John de Tanton had been elected by the monastery of Glastonbury to be abbat of the same, without the assent of the bishop of Bath and Wells ; followed by the appointment of Master Constantine de Mildehale (who is acting during the vacancy of the see of Bath and Wells) to inhibit the further action of the monastery in the matter. Dated, Wednesday after St. Nicholas, 1274.

Fragment of a pointed oval seal of the archbishop ; the martyrdom of St. Thomas the archbishop. At the top, a figure of Our Lord, in the base the archbishop kneeling in prayer.

111. 1274–5.—Memorandum of an agreement in settlement of a dispute between Sir William de Fyennes and Robert de la Fenne, made by the mediation of W., abbat of Ford, Richard de Bolon, Peter de Fauconberge, Phar[amond] de Wydet[on], and others on the part of Sir William, and of John de Muriit, and Hamond Denebanc, N. Bessy, and others on the part of Robert, whereby Robert retains possession of certain lands and meadows which he holds in La Fenne in the fee of Martok ; regulations as to common of pasture, stray cattle, impounding, etc. Robert has paid 10*l.* to William de Fyennes. Tested by the aforesaid friends of both parties. Dated La Fenne, 6 Id. March, 1274 [1275].

112. 1277.—Settlement made before the official of the bishop of Bath and Wells of a claim by Sir Nicholas Fitz-Nicholas, treasurer of Wells, against Sir Guy de Schevyndon, rector of the church of Westun-juxta-Worl, for 100*lbs.* of wax, the arrears of a yearly payment of 100*lbs.* of wax, due from the said rector to the said treasurer by an ordinance of Jocelin, sometime bishop of Bath and Wells. Dated, Monday after St. Scolastica, 1277, *in majori ecclesia Wellensi.*

113. 1277–8.—Grant by Walter de Lechelade, succentor of Wells, proctor and conservator of the morning mass, with the assent of the dean and chapter, to Alexander the Fuller, his heirs and assigns, of two parts [thirds] of a burgage in

Southovere St., paying yearly 8*d.* to the bishop, and 4*s.* 10*d.* to the succentors for the support of the said mass, for all service. Alexander charges the remaining one third equally with the said two thirds. Witnesses: Richard de Londonis, Richard de Doultingcote, Nicholas *Pistor*, [and others]. Dated, Wells, St. Gregory's day, 1277 [Jan. 13, 1278].

114. 1280.—Bond of Hugh son of Hugh Attehele of Northcori to the dean and chapter of St. Andrew's, Wells, in 100*l.*, that he will not alienate his inheritance of lands and tenements within the manor of Northcory, without their permission. Witnesses: John atte Slo, Thomas de Mere, John de Knappe, [and others]. Dated, North Cory, Wednesday after SS. Tiburtius and Valerian, 8 Edw. I.

115. 1280.—Indenture whereby Edward, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, grant to Geoffrey de la Slo, and his heirs, one acre of land in the Smethemor in the manor of Nortchor[y], lately held by Juliana de Stokes, paying yearly 6*d.* for all service save the king's; and power to inclose land on the moor of Stathmore, near the Westeretrenche, paying yearly 12*d.* for all service. In return the dean and chapter may inclose certain meadows and pastures and all purprestures made by them in the manor before St. Dunstan's day, 1280. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Loveny, knt., William de Bere, Richard de Nyweton, [and others].

Ornamental initials from A to L cut through at the indenting.

Pointed oval seal. A hand to the sinister, with a falcon thereon. S. GALFRIDI DE LA SLOV.

116. [*Temp.* Edw. I.]—Grant by Walter le Bakelere, with the assent of Beatrice his wife, to Henry son of William de Edeston, and Gonilla his wife, and John son of Henry de Edeston, their heirs and assigns, of 2 ac. of land in the manor of La Wike, doing all services to the chief lords. Henry grants to Walter and Beatrice a messuage in Stokscurcy, as appears by his charter. Witnesses: William de Edeston, Walter de Chaldecote, Robert Chandel, [and others].

117. [*Temp.* Edw. I.]—Recital by William Broun, son and heir of Nicholas Broun of Wells, of his obligation to acquit Master Thomas de Haselshawe of services due for a messuage on the north side of Biestewalle and for 1 ac. of land adjoining, and subjecting his tenements in Wells to be levied on by Master Thomas, his heirs and assigns, in case of any distress being levied against them. Witnesses: Richard de Rodeneye, John de Palton, Robert de Wodeforde, [and others].

Fragment of a seal.

118. [*Temp.* Edw. I.]—Grant by Ingram de Bykenaure, chaplain, to William de Bykenaure, clerk, his heirs and assigns,

of the tenement of Bykewille, in the manor of Bykenaure, and free common for all eattle on the hill of Cantok, and furze, fern [*jaones, feogeram*] and turf for fuel ; to hold of the chief lords, William and his heirs paying nothing, and his assigns paying 18*d.* yearly, and causing three masses to be celebrated yearly for the souls of the ancestors and successors of Henry de Wayvile, late lord of Bykenaure, for all service. Witnesses : Simon de Craueom, William de Chedemers, Jordan de Walforston, [and others].

119. [*Temp.* Edw. I.]—Grant by Richard de Collake to Hugh de la Hele and Alice his wife, and the heirs of Hugh, of 1 ac. of land in Scherpham, held of the gift of Walter Fraunceys, paying yearly one peppereorn for all service ; Hugh and Alice gave 33*s.* Witnesses : Robert Gyen, John de la Slo, Robert le Yreys, John de Cnappe, [and others].

Fragment of seal, an ornamental quatrefoil.

120. [*Temp.* Edw. I.]—Release by Richard de Contevile of Axston to Master Thomas, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, of all his right in the tenement which Adam de Melles lately inhabited in Wells, which the dean and chapter have of the gift of Sir Richard de Baunfelde, their co-canon. Witnesses : Philip le Ireys, William de Northlade, Elias Rossel, [and others].

Broken seal ; a profile bust. S' . . . ASCHENDONE.

121. [*Temp.* Edw. I.]—Grant by Henry de Erlegh to William de Plessetis, his heirs and assigns, for his homage and service, of 39 ac. of meadow in La Haymore in the manor of Northperton, paying yearly one pitcher of wine [*unum pitherium vini*] on St. Martin's day, for all service. Witnesses : Sir Thomas Trivet, Sir Thomas de Regny, Jordan de Bradenye, [and others].

122. [*Temp.* Edw. I.]—Grant by Cristina Lonelyne, in her lawful widowhood, to Philip de Pulton, his heirs and assigns, of the moiety of a messuage in Wells situate next to the "Priority" [*prioritatem*] of Wells, paying yearly ½*d.* for all service ; Philip gave one mark. Witnesses : Richard Londrays, Master Simon *Pictor*, Richard le Noreys, Robert Gingelot, John Mogge, [and others].

123. [*Temp.* Edw. I.]—Grant by Maude daughter of Turold le Machun, deceased, to Elias de Cumba, vicar of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of her part of her father's messuage, paying yearly 2½*d.* to Sir Walter de Wyka, and to Maude a clove gillyflower, for all service ; Elias gave 22*s.* 3*d.* Witnesses : Richard Norensis, Master Simon *Pictor*, John de Wintonia, [and others].

124. [*Temp.* Edw. I.]—Grant by Ralph *Plumbarius* of Wells to Cicely Garlond, his wife, of a tenement in Chamberleyn-strete, Wells, to hold to her for life, if she survive Ralph. Witnesses: John the Baker, John Vayrander, Walter Gymyn, John Vayranter, Richard le Lang, Walter Muchegros, [and others].

125. [*Temp.* Edw. I.]—Grant by William son of Walter de Scremeby to the venerable father, William, bishop of Bath and Wells, and his successors and assigns, of all his lands, tenements and meadows in the manor of Wells, inherited from Richard le Norreys, his uncle; the bishop gave 15 marks. Witnesses: Sir Bartholomew de Empnebergh, Amys' de Bayuse, William de Camera, [and others].

126. [*Temp.* Edw. I.]—Grant by John le Spenser, son and heir of John le Spenser, to John de Surreye, vicar in Wells church, his heirs and assigns, of two messuages in Wells, viz. one *in magno vico*, on the south side, between the messuage of Richard de Doltyngeote on the east and the lane leading to the bishop's mill on the west, and from the great street on the north to the bake-house [*pistrina*] in the said lane; and the other in Sothovere st., between the messuages of Walter le Hopere and Robert *vinee cultoris*; also three acres of land, in Stobury Field, and land in the east field below Oldehulle; paying yearly 2 marks. John de Surreye gave 10 marks. Witnesses: Sir Adam de Mora, Master Henry de Esse, canons of Wells, Richard de Doltyngeote, John de Ilmenystre, [and others].

127. [*Temp.* Edw. I.]—Grant by William Warham, knt., lord of Welleslegh, to William Poupe, in frank-marriage with Alice, daughter of the said William Warham, of a cottage in Doultecote; to hold to William Poupe and Alice, their heirs and assigns, paying yearly 2*s.* to the vicars of St. Andrew of Wells, and doing service to the chief lords and to my court of Welleslegh once a year upon reasonable summons, for all secular service. For greater security I have procured the seal of St. Andrew of Wells to be affixed to this charter. Witnesses: George Welleslegh, John Welleslegh, Geoffrey Burgeys, [and others].

Round seal; a shield of arms, three chevrons within a border, above the shield a castle or tower.

(2) A pointed oval seal; St. Andrew on his cross between a crescent and estoile.

128. [*Temp.* Edw. I.]—Award in a case between Richard de Plumstokes, perpetual farmer of the church of Stokegomer, plaintiff, and John de Wikes, farmer of the manor of Syndercombe, defendant, who has refused to pay the "churcheset" or dues in kind of grain, due to the said church. Master Robert de Mallyng, official of Bath and Wells, being appointed

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sede vacante by R., archbishop of Canterbury, and William de Grendene, official of the precentor of Wells, pronounced judgment for the plaintiff, and ordered the defendant to pay all arrears within 8 days, on pain of excommunication, with 19*s.* costs.

129. [*Temp.* Edw. I.]—Grant by William Warham, knt., lord of Welleslegh, to William Poupe, in frank marriage with Alice his daughter, of lands in Hangerhull, Doultecote, &c.; To hold to William Poupe and Alice, their heirs and assigns, paying yearly to St. Andrew's church, Wells, 1*lb.* of wax at the feast of St. Andrew, and doing service to the chief lords and suit of court at the grange of the canons of Wells once a year on reasonable summons, for all secular service. For greater security I have procured the seal of St. Andrew of Wells to be affixed. Witnesses: George Welleslegh, William Lamberd, Geoffrey Burgeys, [and others].

(1) Round seal:—A shield of arms, three chevrons within a border, above the shield a castle or tower.

(2) Pointed oval seal of St. Andrew's, Wells. A representation of St. Andrew on his cross, between the sun and the moon; in the base a kneeling worshipper. SIGIL . . . WELL AD CAVSAS.

130. 1281.—Indenture between Agatha, relict of Robert Stroche of Comyz, and William de Bere, son and heir of Peter de Bere, whereby she assigns to him for her life all her dower in Edeston and Comyz, and he will provide for her reasonable sustenance in his house, *quantum ad mensam suam sicut decet hujusmodi feminam invenire*, and a half mark yearly for her clothing and other necessaries; if she be not content with William's sustenance, William shall grant her a messuage in Comyz and lands in the same. Witnesses: John de Eston, William Gyvernay, Walter de Canthoo, [and others]. Dated, Michaelmas, 9 Edw. I.

131. [*Temp.* Edw. I, before 1282.]—Grant by Ralph son of Randulf, burgess of Wells, to Sir E[dward], dean and the chapter of Wells, of two portions of a burgage in Suthovere Street, Wells, extending in length to the wall of the bishop's park; paying yearly a rose to the grantor and his heirs, and to the bishop 8*d.*, for all service. The dean and chapter gave 40*s.* Witnesses: Sir Walter de Lecchelade, succentor of Wells, John de Wymburne, Stephen de Surreye, vicar of Wells, [and others].

132. [*Temp.* Edw. I.]—Grant by Ralph son of Randulf, burgess of Wells, to Gilbert de Brug' and Martin de Lafforde of Wynescumba, executors of Hugh de Romenal, late treasurer of Wells, and their assigns, of two portions of the same burgage in Suthovere Street, Wells; paying yearly a rose to the grantor

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and his heirs, and to the bishop 8*d.*, for all service. Gilbert and Martin gave 40*s.* Witnesses as in No. 131.

Round seal; a wyvern or cockatrice, to the right. s' RADVLPHI RANDEL. . . .

133. 1284.—Grant by William de Bathon', vicar in St. Andrew's church, Wells, to William de Eluy, vicar in the same, his heirs and assigns, of an area of land in Wells, Byestewall, in the street called Torlane, paying yearly 3*s.* 4*d.* to John Henekyng and his heirs, for all secular service. William de Cluy [*sic*] gave 40*s.* Witnesses: Richard Lundreis, John de Garcelade, Nicholas *Pistor*, [and others]. Dated, Wells, xiii Kal. May, 12 Edw. I.

134. [1256–1284.]—Grant by William, prior of the Hospital of St. John, Wellye, and the brethren of the same, to Sir Richard de Buttun, precentor of Wellye, of an annual service at the altar of St. John Baptist in the said hospital, for the souls of the above Richard, and the venerable father, William de Buttun, sometime bishop of Bath and Wells, and of Richard's ancestors and successors; with regulations for the appointment of a chaplain, being a brother of the Hospital, for the performance thereof, and power to the dean of Wells to inforce the same. Sealed with the common seal of our house. Witnesses: Sir Edward [de la Cnoll], dean of Wells, Sir Nicholas, treasurer of Wells, Sir Ralph de Lullington, Master Nicholas de St. Quintin, Sir Stephen de Cicestre, Sir Hugh Everad, Sir John de la Pola, canons of Wells.

Pointed oval seal, fragment only: full length figure of an ecclesiastic, with a staff. . . . IOHAN. . . .

135. [1284–1292.]—Grant by Richard son of Richard le Touker to Thomas [de Bitton], the dean, and the chapter of Wells, of a rent of 5*s.* to be paid out of his messuage in the street of the Fullers, in Wells, to be distributed to the poor by the communar of the church of Wells for the soul of Roger de Cruk, on the day of his anniversary; the executors of the will of the said Roger gave 5 marks. Witnesses: Master Philip de Stanton, precentor, Master Ralph de Wycham, archdeacon of Bath, Sir John de Wymburn, canon, Sir Philip de Wykes, knt., John de Wykes, [and others].

136. 1290.—Award by a person unspecified [probably the bishop], that having heard the reasons alleged as well on behalf of our beloved son Walter, our archdeacon of Wells, as of certain other canons, in respect of the distribution of the residue of common goods yearly among the resident canons, we declare that the archdeacon ought to take his share thereof, according to the statutes of the church of Wells, if he has been in residence for half the year continuously or by instalments; imposing silence upon those who deny it

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[*contradictoribus*]. Dated, Fynnemere, Thursday the feast of St. Lawrence [10 August], 1290.

Fragment of seal, bearing an ecclesiastic with mitre, under a canopy adoring St. Andrew and another saint.

Legend . . . RICI.

137. 1295.—Certified copy by Geoffrey de Bramtone, clerk, of the diocese of Lincoln, notary public, of an exemplification of the bull of Pope Boniface VIII, arranging the causes between the archbishop of Canterbury and the abbat and convent of St. Augustine's, Canterbury. Dated at the Lateran, xiiii Kal. April, 1st year of the Pope.

Mutilated.

138. 1295–6.—Bond by William [de Marchia], bishop of Bath and Wells, to repay on demand the sum of 1000*l.*, a loan advanced to him, Thomas, the prior, and the convent of Bath, and W. dean and the chapter of Wells, by O[liver Sutton], bishop of Lincoln, agent, deputed by the papal see in England, together with J[ohn de Pontoise], bishop of Winchester, with regard to the tenths granted as subsidy for the Holy Land to the king, because the 1,000*l.* had come to his [the bishop of B. and W.] hands alone, and had been expended on his business and that of the bishopric ; he undertakes to indemnify the prior of Bath and the dean of Wells and their chapters. Dated, Doggemerfeld, xiiii Kal. Feb., 1294–5.

(Printed in Church's *Early History of the Church of Wells*, *p.* 290.)

Fragment of the bishop's seal, pointed oval ; a full length figure in ecclesiastical vestments.

139. 1296.—Release by Robert le Brun to Thomas de Mere of North Cory and Avice his wife, daughter of Sir Walter de Loveny, and the heirs and assigns of Thomas, of the lands given by Thomas to Robert in North Cory, Mere, and Sloule. Witnesses : Sir Walter de Loveny, knt., Richard de Loveny, Robert Gyan, Geoffrey de la Slow, [and others]. Dated, Lillesdon, Monday after SS. Simon and Jude, 24 Edw. I.

Round seal : a lion dormant beneath a tree. S . . . DE RYNGESBURN.

140. 1297.—Grant by John, abbat of St. Peter's, Gloucester, and the convent of the same, to Agnes de Prestebury, of *duos panes monachorum et unum panem esquierii, cum duobus ferculis potagii ipsius de quo habet conventus, et duo fercula carnium grossarum de duobus generibus, videlicit, de carne bovina porcina, seu omnia frisca seu sallita set cruda, ad quantitatem duorum generalium que coram duobus monachis apponentur in infirmaria diebus carnium, et unam pitanciam crudam qualem coram duobus monachis in infirmaria apponetur, videlicet quum conventus deservitur de Jussel, pro pitancia recipiet predicta Agnes*

sex ova per diem pro pitancia sua ; et quum conventus deservitur de aucis, predicta Agnes recipiet unam aucam vivam pro suis pitanciis quatuor dierum quum carnes comeduntur ; et quum conventus de aliis deservitur pro pitancia in infirmaria, de aliis fiet ejus pitancia que cruda ei possit liberari ; diebus autem piscium, recipiet prefata Agnes unum ferculum generale quale ponetur in refectorio coram duobus monachis ibidem reficientibus, videlicet piscem, allecia vel ova, set omnia cruda servi quia conventui deservitur, et unam pitanciam crudam qualem apponitur coram duobus monachis in refectorio ; et duas lagenas cervisie implendas de butta in refectorio nostro de eadem cervisia de qua bibit conventus. To have and to hold the said livery to Agnes all the days of her life. They also grant to her a robe yearly, like their clerks [*de secta clericorum nostrorum*] containing 9 ells, with a girdle [*penula*], worth ½ mark, or ½ mark in lieu thereof, while she lives. For this grant Agnes released to the abbey a livery of ½ *qr.* of wheat *per quindinam* due to her yearly by the abbey, and paid 20 marks for the urgent business of the monastery, and will pay other 20 marks at the end of four years. Witnesses : Henry le Draper, Hugh the clerk, bailiffs, German de Thonebrugg, [and others]. Dated, Gloucester, 7 Ides Jun., 25 Edw. I.

141. 1298.—Grant by John de Wytteneye, vicar in the church of St. Andrew, Wells, to Edmund de Wellesleye, hundredar of the foreign hundred [*hundredario hundredi forinseci*] of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of a tenement in Chamborleynestrete, Wells, which John had of the gift of William de Clone, chaplain. Edmund gave 4 marks. Witnesses : Thomas de Wellesleye, knt., Adam Canon, [and others]. Dated, Thursday before St. Andrew, 27 Edw. I.

142. 1298.—Release by John de Wyttenye, vicar in the church of St. Andrew, Wells, to Edmund de Wellesleye, hundredar of the foreign hundred of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of the said tenement. Witnesses : Thomas de Wellesleye, knt., Ralph de Rodenye, bailiff of the liberty of Wells, Walter de Sutton, John de Garselade, Robert Burnel, — Marye, Mauriee de Esse, vicars in the church of Wells, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Sunday, St. Andrew's day, 27 Edw. I.

143. 1298–9.—Inspeximus by Walter [de Haselshaw], the dean, and the chapter of Wells, of an inspeximus by William [de Marchia], bishop of Bath and Wells, of a grant by Henry, the abbat, and the convent of Clyve, to Robert de Wyldemerse and John de Mapwyk, the secular chaplains of the chapel of the Blessed Virgin in the churchyard of Wollavynton church, of 10 marks yearly for their support and maintenance in celebrating masses for the soul of Gilbert de Wollavynton, who built the said chapel, and one mark for lights and repairs.

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If the same be in arrear, the chaplains or their messengers [*nuncii*], with 3 horses and 3 grooms, shall be admitted to the abbey, and there lodged and found, until payment. The abbat and convent undertake to increase the number of 26 monks now there, and to receive two more in memory of the said Gilbert, and to pay to their monk porter every Easter, 60*s.* to buy summer cloth for 15 cowls for 15 monks, one mark for the pittance of the convent, and 10*s.* to the poor to be distributed in bread on the Annunciation B.V.M. Appointment of the monk porter to do this, and assignment to his office of the church of Cammel, which church is put under the control of the bishop of Bath and Wells and his ministers, to see that these things are done. Dated 4 Nov., 1297. Witnesses: Dom. John de Cogan, Robert Martin, William Trivet, Robert de St. Clair, Gilbert de Bere, knights, [and others]. Dated, Wells Chapterhouse, Tuesday, feast of SS. Fabian and Sebastian [20 Jan.], 1298[–9].

The bishop's inspeximus was dated at Wyvelescome, Wednesday, the morrow of Epiphany, 1298[–9].

144. 1299.—Grant by Stephen de Surreye to Hugh de Lymyngton and Robert de Chydyngfold, vicars in the cathedral church, Wells, their heirs and assigns, of houses in Wells, between the abbat of Mochelnye's houses, and the tenement late of Walerand de Welleslegh, paying yearly to the chief lord 18*d.*, and to the cathedral 4*lbs.* of frankincense at Michaelmas, for all service. Hugh and Robert gave 12*l.* Witnesses: John de Garslade, William de Legh, Geoffrey de la Hokerstane, [and others]. Dated Wells, Thursday after St. Parnell, 27 Edw. I.

Pointed oval seal, broken. An ecclesiastic, full length, over his head a hand of blessing.

145. [*Temp.* Edw. I.]—Grant by Richard de Bamfeld, canon of Wells, to the dean and chapter of Wells, of land, meadow and houses which I have of the gift of Walter Magot of Wells, in Wokyhole, including a large sheepfold [*bercaria*]; also land and meadow in Wells, and in Dultingcote; also one mark rent, from houses belonging to the vicarage of the church of St. Cuthbert in Wells, which the grantor has of the gift of the vicar, and 8*s.* rent from houses adjoining the houses of William Fellard on the east, and ½ mark rent from Richard son of Peter at Well [*de Fonte*] in Toukerstrete, and 3*s.* rent from houses of Ralph de Meryeth in the same street; also grantor's houses at the head of the new street on the west side. To hold in free alms, paying 4*d.* yearly to the bishop for the houses at the head of the new street, for all service, and paying 50*s.* to two priest-vicars of the church of Wells for a daily mass for the souls of the above Richard, his father, and mother, William [? de Bitton II], bishop of Bath and Wells, and William and Alexander, provosts of Combe, at the

altar of Blessed Edmund the Confessor in the nave of the church of Wells, near which I have elected, with the consent of the dean and chapter, to be buried ; and 3*s.* 4*d.* for two wax candles to burn at the said mass and for the sustentation of the vestments and ornaments of the said altar ; also 8*s.* 4*d.* yearly to 200 poor people, ½*d.* each, and 20*d.* among the sick and those who are ashamed to beg ; during Richard's life on the 3rd nones of October, but if that day be a Saturday or Sunday, then on the Friday before, and after his death on his anniversary, by the hands of the communar and the said two priests, who shall have 12*d.* yearly for their labour. Witnesses : Sir Philip de Wykes, Philip de Button, Walter le Flemyng, Richard de London, Richard de Dultingcot, [and others.]

146. [*Temp.* Edw. I.]—Grant by Richard Dykdale, with the assent of Sabina his wife, to Henry de Blakeforde, his heirs and assigns, of two messuages in Toukaresstrete, Wells, paying yearly 3*s.* for all service. Henry gave 22*s.* Witnesses : Richard de London, Richard de Dultyngcot, Adam Canun, John de Garselade, William Fellard, [and others].

147. [*Temp.* Edw. I.]—Grant by Richard Digedale to John de Ho and William Puntington, their heirs and assigns, of a yearly rent of 3*s.* arising from two messuages in Fullers st., Wells, which Henry de Blakeforde held of him ; they gave 35*s.* Witnesses : Adam Canun, John de Garselade, Nicholas the Baker, [and others].

148. [*Temp.* Edw. I or II.]—Grant by Walter d[e C]aam to John de Cnappe and Margaret his wife, for their lives, of a tenement and land in Cnappe, paying yearly 18*d.* for all service, except royal service, and doing suit at my court of Cnappe. Witnesses : . . . de Mere, Robert Gyan, William de Miridon, [and others].

Indorsed :—Walter de Caam.

149. [*Temp.* Edw. I or II.]—Grant by Walter de Caam to Henry le Deye and Gunnilda his wife, for their lives, of a messuage and land in Cnappe, paying yearly 2*s.* for all service except royal service, and doing suit at my court of Cnappe. Witnesses : Thomas de Mere, Roger Huet, John de Cnappe, Robert le Yreys, [and others].

150. [*Temp.* Edw. I or II.]—Grant by Walter de Caam to William Hughet and Emma his daughter, for their lives, of land in Cnappe, paying yearly 3*d.* for all service except royal service, and doing suit at my court twice a year, at Michaelmas and "la Hockedaye." William and Emma gave 28 marks. Witnesses : Sir Walter de Loveny, Sir Baldric de Nonyngton, knts., Hugh de la Hele, Thomas de Mere, Robert Gyan, [and others].

151. [*Temp.* Edw. I or II.]—Grant by Ascelina de la Lade to Simon de Domerham, his heirs and assigns, of her land in the vill of Wrentich in the manor of Northcory, which she inherited from Alice, her mother, after the death of Walter de la Lade, her father, paying yearly 18¾*d.* to the chief lords and doing all services. Simon gave 10 marks. Witnesses: Roger Hughet, Geoffrey de la Slo, Thomas de Mere, Walter the Hundredar, [and others].

152. [*Temp.* Edw. I or II.]—Grant by Margery daughter of Robert le Marchant of Wrentyh, in her pure widowhood, to Robert de Mere, his heirs and assigns, of half an acre of land in Wrentyh, in the culture called Langelande, to hold of the grantor and her heirs, quit of all service, intrinsic or forinsec, except a payment of ¼*d.* yearly at Christmas, with permission to inclose the land with a quickset hedge [*viva claustura*], and to build as he pleases upon it. Witnesses: Gylibert de Thorne [?], William Buscel, Adam de Miridon, Roger Huhet, Henry le Hundredman, [and others].

153. [1316–1335.]—Grant by Henry le Bakere, burgess of Wells, to Masters Thomas de Retforde, chancellor of the cathedral church of St. Andrew, Wells, and John Martel, canon of the same, their heirs and assigns, of a messuage in the Mulelane, Wells. Witnesses: Edmund de Weleslegh, Adam de Chelewourthe, Thomas de Thestwode, Richard le Eyr, Thomas le Devenyssch, [and others].

Seal, broken; a stag lodged at the foot of a tree. S' H . . . BACK. . . .

154. [1285–1291.]—Grant by William de Pontyngton, rector of the church of Hardyngton, and John de Ho, vicar in the church of St. Andrew, Wells, to the dean and chapter of Wells, of a rent of 7*s.* yearly, for commemoration of the obit of Roger de Cruk, late provost of the church, yearly arising out of a tenement in Gropecuntelane and another in the street of the Fullers, according to the writings of Henry le Chamberleyen of Schyreburn and Richard Dykedal of Wells. Witnesses: Master Walter de Haseleschawe, archdeacon of Wells, Master Ralph de Wykam, archdeacon of Bath, Sir Philip de Wyke, knt., [and others].

155. 1301.—Grant by Gilbert de Scheptone, baker, and Maude his wife, to Simon called le Kyng, citizen of Wells, and Juliana his wife, their heirs and assigns, of a tenement in Southovere st.; Simon and Juliana gave 5 marks. Witnesses: Adam Canoun, Robert Bouche, William Fellard, Geoffrey de Badecombe "le Bowyar," [and others]. Dated, Wells, Friday after St. Mathias, Apostle, 32 Edw. I.

Two round seals. (1) an ornamental star; S. GILBERT' DE SHAPTONE. (2) An 8-pointed star; S' MATILIDIS DE WODEFORDE.

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156. 1301.—Assignment by Ralph de Wermunstre, plomer, to Cicely Garlond, his wife, at the door of St. Cuthbert's church on his betrothal to her, of a messuage on the south side of Chamberlain's st., as her dower, with reversion to his heirs. Witnesses: John de Paltone, Thomas de Surreye, Nicholas de Paltone, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 6 April, 29 Edw. I.

157. 1301.—Grant by Richard de Welewetone, son of Davit de Welewetone, to Maurice de Essa, chaplain, vicar in the church of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of a tenement in Wells, with houses, garden and croft in Chamberlenestrete, Wells, between the tenement of Hugh le Rus, vicar, and that late of John de la Pole, canon, paying yearly 8*s.* to John de Hoo, vicar in the church of Wells, for all service. Maurice gave 45 marks. Witnesses: Sir John de Wyke, Thomas de Welesleghe, knts., Adam Canun, Geoffrey de la Hokerstone, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Sunday after St. Andrew, Apostle, 30 Edw. I.

Hexagonal seal, a shield of arms; four fusils in fesse, dimidiated with 6 roses 3, 2 and 1. S' RICARDI DE WELETONE.

158. 1301.—Release by Nicholas de Plecy, vicar in the church of Wells, to Maurice de Asch, vicar in the church of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of all the grantor's right in a tenement which he holds for life of Richard de Welweton, son of David de Welweton, in Wells, lying between those of Hugh le Rus, Richard de Welweton and John de la Pole, late canon. Witnesses: Sir John de Hoo, Thomas de Benhangre, Philip de Hodiam, vicars, Thomas de Merkesbury, burgess, [and others]. Dated, Wells, first Sunday in Advent, 30 Edw. I.

159. 1302–3.—Inspeximus by Walter [de Haselshaw], bishop of Bath and Wells, of a grant by Roger, bishop of Bath and Wells, to the chapter of Wells, of the custody of the deanery of Wells, during vacancies, with all its appurtenances, spiritual and temporal. Dated, Banewell, May, 1246.

Nos autem predictam donacionem et concessionem, recognicione homagii, et finibus pro overlandis a dicto homagio hujusmodi vacacione durante per ipsum capitulum levandis, que futuro decano in qualibet vacacione decanatus volumus reservari, duntaxat exceptis, ratas habentes . . . confirmavimus.

Dated, Woky, 8 Id. Jan., the Epiphany, 1302 [1303], 1st year of the consecration of the bishop.

160. 1304–5.—Letters patent granting licence to Master William de Kilkenny and Walter de Totton, chaplain, to grant 2 acres of land in Westansty and the advowson of the church of the same vill, to the dean and chapter of St. Peter's, Exeter, notwithstanding the statute of mortmain. Westminster, 20 March, 33 Edw. I.

Great seal, green wax, imperfect.

1306.

161. 1306.—Inspeximus by Robert, the prior, and the chapter of Bath, of a grant by Walter de Heselschawe, bishop of Bath and Wells, to John [de Godelegh], the dean, and the chapter of Wells, of 2 acres of land in Burneham, with the advowson of St. Andrew's church there. Dated at Cherde, xii Kal. Apr., [21 March] 1305 [1306], 4th year of his consecration. Witnesses: Sir Gilbert de Cnovyle, Sir Nicholas de Langelond, Sir Thomas de Welleslegh, knts, [and others]. Dated, Bath, Chapterhouse, Kal. April, 1306.

162. 1306.—Grant by William called Brodwode, and Agnes called Canun, his wife, to William le Ferrur, of the moiety of a tenement in Gropecountelane, Wells; he gave two marks. Witnesses: William atte Wythye, Geoffrey de la More, Robert Bouche, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 11 April, 34 Edw. I.

Two round seals. (1) A star of 6 points; S' WILLI BRODWOD'. (2) A star-like ornament; S' AGNETIS CANONES.

163. 1306.—Memorandum of agreement between Sir John de Godelee, dean of Wells, and the chapter, on the one part, and Masters Roger Huse and Robert de Milvertone, clerks, and others, executors of the testament of Master Henry Huse, late dean of Wells; the dean and chapter have delivered and granted to the executors their manor and church of Wynescumbe for a term of years, as contained in letters made between them (no. 164), in this manner, that if the dean and chapter shall, at the feast of St. Lawrence, make full security to the executors for 10*l.* to be spent yearly for the soul of the said Master Henry Huse, in celebrating at his obit and in making distribution at his anniversary, as may be ordained by the executors, and shall pay to the executors 50 marks at the same day, which, together with 200*l.* for having the said perpetuity, paid beforehand to the dean and chapter, the said executors delivered as a loan; or if they shall fully pay the said 200*l.*, together with 50 marks; then the executors shall restore the said manor and church. Dated, Wells, Tuesday after the octave of Trinity, 7 Ides of June, 1306.

Seals. (1) Fragment of a gothic seal; a bust. (2) Round seal; an ape riding on an ass, holding an owl on his right fist, in his left a glove [?]. MORE . . . D . . . S'. (3) Heater-shaped seal; a lion rampant, over his head PRIVE SV.

164. 1306.—Indented agreement between John de Godelee, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, on one part, and Masters Roger Huse, Robert de Milvertone, clerks, Roger de Mideltone and John de Bamptone, laymen, executors of the will of Master Henry Huse, late dean of Wells, on the other part, whereby the dean and chapter, with the consent of Walter, bishop of Bath and Wells, then present, lease the manor of Wynescumbe and the church of the same place to the said executors for

three years, as fully as Master William Burnel, late provost of Wells and farmer of the same place, held the same while he lived. The executors have given 200*l.* to the dean and chapter for their urgent business and to the great utility of the church and chapter of Wells, and shall give yearly 10 marks for the manor ; and shall hold the same for another year if 50 marks, lent to the dean and chapter for their urgent business and to the great utility of the church of Wells, be not repaid at the feast of St. Lawrence next ; the residue of 110 marks, namely 40*l.*, the executors shall pay in the said fourth year, at the four principal terms by equal portions. Dated, Wells, Monday after the octave of Trinity, viii Ides June [6 June], 1306.

Seals : (1) Oval, an oval gem within a cusped border ; a cupid holding a hen in his arms, by his side a cock. P. . . . VLPTVM . . . EGE . . . EGO. (2) Oval, a pointed quatrefoil, the device broken away. . . . ROB'TI DE . . .

165. 1306.—[?] Inspeximus and confirmation by Robert, the prior, and the chapter of Bath, of the grant by Walter de Heselshawe, bishop of Bath and Wells, of the church of Bornham *alias* Burnham to John de Godeleye, dean, and the chapter of Wells, their common goods being insufficient for their needs, and their manors of Northcory and Wynescumbe being greatly burdened on account of the heavy expenses incurred by the dean and chapter about the construction of their chapter [house] and other things for the perpetual utility of the whole chapter ; also of a pension of 10*l.* received yearly by us [? the bishop] from the rector of the said church, out of which the dean and chapter shall pay yearly 10 marks to two chaplains to say two masses for the good estate [*pro salubri statu*] of Edward, king [of England], the Lady Margaret, his consort, and all his children while they live, and for the soul of the Lady Al[ianore], late queen of England, and for their souls [? when dead], and for the soul of Robert Burnel, [late bishop] of Bath and Wells, and for our soul when we shall die, and for the souls of our predecessors and successors and of the deans and canons of Wells and of our benefactors. Dated, Chyu, 12 Kal . . . , 1306, 38 Edw. I.

Dated. . . .

Much mutilated.

166. 1306–7.—Inspeximus by Robert, the prior, and the chapter of Bath, of a document whereby Sir John de Godeleye, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, in consideration of the gifts by the late Robert Burnel, bishop of Bath and Wells, of the churches of Jevelton, Bournham, Staunton-Dru, and Cheleworth, etc., grant in accordance with the ordinance of Walter de Heselshauwe, bishop of Bath and Wells, a sum of 10*l.* yearly to be applied towards services for King Edward [etc., as in no. 165], and for the celebration of an anniversary of the said bishop Robert at the altars of the Blessed Virgin

and St. Andrew the Apostle near the entrance to the choir *ad hoc constructa* in Wells Cathedral, the details of which are recited. Executed in triplicate, one part to remain with the bishop, another in the treasury at Wells, and the third with the executors and heirs of Bishop Robert. Dated in the Chapterhouse, Wells, 5 Kal. Jan. [28 Dec.], 1306, 35 Edw. I.

Dated in the Chapterhouse, Bath, 6 Kal. Feb. [27 Jan.], same year.

A small fragment, of the seal of Bath Priory.

(*See* for the dean's grant vol. 1, *p.* 204.)

167. 1307.—Inspeximus by Robert, the prior, and the chapter of Bath of a grant by Walter Haselschawe, bishop of Bath and Wells, to the dean and chapter of Wells; whereas the dean and chapter, in exoneration of the bishop, have been paying an annuity of 10*l.* to Sir William de Cherleton, canon of Wells, out of their manor of Northcory, which he used to have of the bishop's gift out of the church of Burnham; the bishop, wishing to indemnify the dean and chapter, grants that he and his successors will pay them 10*l.* a year so long as the said Sir William shall live. Dated, Wells, Thursday after Christmas, 1306.

Confirmation by the prior and chapter of Bath. Dated at Bath Chapterhouse, vii Ides of October, 1307.

168. 1307.—Grant by Ingram, son and heir of Robert le Spycer of Wells, to William de Bathon' the younger, vicar in the church of St. Andrew, Wells, his heirs and assigns, of a tenement in Chaumberleyne st., Wells, which Walter called the Chamberlain formerly gave to the dean and chapter of Wells for his obit, paying 3*s.* yearly to the escheator or communar of the said dean and chapter, and undertaking for them all burdens, ecclesiastical and mundane, belonging thereto. Witnesses: John de Wythlakynton, Richard de Chepmanslade, Robert de Dynre, vicars, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Wednesday the feast of St. Lucy the virgin [13 Dec.], 1 Edw. II.

Round seal: a vested hand and arm holding a falcon; IE SVY SELLEL [?].

169. 1308.—Demise by the dean and chapter of St. Andrew's, Wells, to Richard de la Welle and Cicely his wife, for their lives, of a rent of 6*s.* 8*d.*, paid by Roger "in La Toune" for lands and tenements held by him for life in Northcori; and of the reversion of the said lands and tenements in the event of the death of the said Roger during the lifetime of the above Richard and Cicely, or either of them; paying yearly a rose for all service; they have given a sum of money. Witnesses: Thomas de Mere, John de la Slo, Robert le Ireys, [and others]. Dated, Chapterhouse, Wells, Thursday, the Conversion of St. Paul, 1 Edw. II.

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170. 1308.—Inspeximus and confirmation by John [de Godelegh], the dean, and the chapter of Wells, of letters of Walter [de Haselshaw], bishop of Bath and Wells, granting to Thomas Franceys of Bath and Geoffrey his son, for life, a tenement in Norhtyetestrete, Wells, at a rent of 2 marks a year; and to Geoffrey le Boye and Adam Brunyng, his son, for life, of another tenement, at a rent of 8*s.* 8*d.*; and granting also a market in North street, Wells, to the citizens of Bath. Dated, Chyu, Sunday, Martinmas, 2 Edw. II.

Dated in the Chapterhouse, Wells, morrow of St. Edmund the King, 1308.

171. 1309.—Grant by Ralph Meryeth, plumber, to Walter de Modeslegh, clerk, his heirs and assigns, of a tenement in Chamberleynestrete, Wells; Walter gave 100*s.* Witnesses: William de la Wythye, John de Palton, Robert Bouche, John Vayraunter, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Sunday before the nativity of St. John Baptist, 2 Edw. II.

Round seal; a star of eight points. S' RADVLFI D' WENTEBVR' [?].

172. 1309.—Grant by William Brodwode of Wells, with assent of Agnes his wife, to William le Ferur of Wells and Christina his wife, their heirs and assigns, of a house *intrinsecam cum pynone pertinente*, situate in Gropecuntelane in Wells, and formerly the kitchen of Adam Canon; William and Christina gave 2 marks. Witnesses: Robert Bouche, John de Palton, William de la Wythie, Nicholas de Palton, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 10 Oct., 3 Edw. II.

Round seal: a star of 6 points S' WILL'I BRODWOD'.

173. 1309–10.—Release by Maude relict of Gilbert de Sheptone, baker, in her lawful widowhood, to Juliana, relict of Simon called "Le Kyng" of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of a messuage in Southovere st., adjoining that of Robert de la Churchestighele. Witnesses: Robert Bouche, John de Paltone, John le Norreys, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Saturday after the Epiphany, 3 Edw. II.

Round seal; a star of eight points. S' MATILIDIS DE WODEFORDE.

174. 1311.—Agreement whereby Osmund, the abbat, and the convent of Athelneye, for themselves, their successors, and their tenants in Corylode and Huntham, surrender to John [de Godelegh], the dean, and the chapter of Wells, their common of pasture in 886 acres of land in Corymor, Boterlak and Stathmor, about to be enclosed by the dean and chapter, with the consent of all the commoners [*communiariorum*], but reserving their rights of common in the rest of the moors not inclosed. For this the dean and chapter have granted to the abbat and convent, 41 acres in Stathmor and 41 acres in Corymor, to be measured by the royal perch, to hold of

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the dean and chapter, with liberty to inclose the same, paying yearly 19*s.* 6*d.*, for all service. The dean and chapter shall not hereafter make *agistaciones* nor take *havagium* in the said moors for the common of cattle of strangers not having common, and the abbat and convent, and their tenants and servants may put such cattle found feeding on the moors into the dean and chapter's pound. The dean and chapter reserve all fair and reasonable emends, together with strays, attachments and impoundings by their haywards [*messores*] and other servants. The dean and chapter may also inclose other 20 acres in Stathmor, outside the portions assigned to the abbat and convent and others, and may cut and take away all the alderbeds [*totum alnetum*] growing in the portions assigned to the abbat and convent and their tenants, within one year after they have full seisin. Witnesses: Sir John de Bello Campo, Sir Henry de Urtiaco, Sir John de Erlegh, Sir Gilbert de Bere, Sir Hugh de Popham, knts., [and others]. Dated, Wells, Tuesday [at head], Wednesday [at foot] after Decollation of St. John Baptist, 5 Edw. II, 1311.

175. 1311.—Similar agreement, whereby Walter le Freye* surrenders the like to the same in consideration of a grant to Walter, his heirs and assigns, of 4 acres in Stathmore, paying yearly 2*s.* Witnesses and date as in no. 174.

176. 1311.—Similar agreement, whereby Robert† le Hyreys and Simon de Domeram and John Dreu‡ surrender to the same, their common rights in the same, in consideration of a grant to Robert, Simon and John, their heirs and assigns, of 4½ acres in Corymor, paying yearly 2*s.* 3*d.* The clause as to cutting alders is omitted. Witnesses and date as in no. 174.

177. 1311.—Similar agreement, whereby Richard Broun§ surrenders the like to the same, in consideration of a grant to Richard for life of 2 acres in Corymor, paying yearly 12*d.* Witnesses and date as in no. 174.

178. 1311.—Grant by John de Loxstone to Sir William de Weylande, knt., and Elizabeth his wife, their heirs and assigns, of all his lands, etc., in Loxstone. Witnesses: Roger son of Payn, John de Bellocampo, Nicholas de Langelonde, knts., [and others]. Dated, Loxston, Thursday the morrow of the Translation of St. Thomas the martyr, 5 Edw. II.

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* This name is struck out, and "William de Calne" written above it; Walter's name remains elsewhere throughout the document.

† Crossed out, *Philip* written above it, here and in one other place.

‡ Crossed out, *quia mortuus* written above it; the name is crossed out in one other place. At the top of the document is written, *heres Johannis Dreu est infra etatem.*

§ Crossed out, *John de Ralegh* written above it; not altered elsewhere; indorsed *J. de Ralee.*

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179. 1311.—Will of Richard de Chepmanslade, vicar in St. Andrew's cathedral church, Wells. To be buried in the churchyard of St. Andrew, near William de Nortone. To the fabric of the church of Wells, 6*s.* 8*d.* ; to the poor on the day of my burial, 40*s.* in bread ; to Agnes my sister, 6*s.* 8*d.* ; to Robert le Coke, 6*s.* 8*d.* ; to Master William de Jattona, subdean of Wells, all wooden vessels lent to him ; to Agatha Ploure one *cuva* of one quarter, one small beche and a small barrel ; to John de Maresco, my *nepos*, 6*s.* 8*d.* ; to Robert de Pola, 6*s.* 8*d.* ; to blessed Mary in the chapel in the cloister of Wells, my best coffer ; to the sacrist of Wells, a counterpane [*chalo*] and a sheet [*lintheamen*], and to the three altarists and the sacrist's boy [*garcio*], 6*d.* each ; to Beatrice Joscelin, 2*s.* ; to Cicely le Hoperes, 2*s.* ; to John Wayfer, 6*s.* 8*d.* ; to Godfrey de Chepmanslade, my brother, his heirs and assigns, my tenement in Wells which I had by devise [*ex legato*] of Hugh de Dychegate, vicar of Wells, so that he and they maintain two wax torches at the elevation of the Body of Christ at the high altar in St. Andrew's church, Wells, and pay 40*d.* yearly to the light of Blessed Mary where *Salve sancta parens* is sung behind the high altar of the said church, and 40*d.* to buy bread and to distribute to the poor on my anniversary ; to the Holy Land, 10*s.* for my soul, and 10*s.* for the souls of Reynold my father and Mabel my mother ; to my executors, 20*s.* ; the said Godfrey to have all timber, stones and other necessaries bought for the repair of the said tenement ; all my goods not bequeathed, movable and immovable, to be sold for the best price possible, and thereout to be sung three *annalia*, or four if it can be done, for the souls of me, my father and mother, all my benefactors, and all faithful departed ; and if anything shall remain over [*excesserit*] it shall be distributed among my poor relations [*pauperibus parentibus*] at the discretion of my executors, namely, Godfrey de Chepmanslade, my brother, John de Bogelegh, chaplain, and Robert le Coke. Dated, Thursday after St. Bartholomew, 1311. Proved before William de Jatton, subdean of Wells, by Sir Maurice de Esse, Sir Robert de Pola, vicars of the church of Wells, and John Wayfer, clerk, ii kal. September, 1311.

180. 1312.—Release by Joan called Canun, widow of Roger Goibel, in her lawful widowhood, to William le Ferur of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of all her right to the moiety of a tenement in Wells, in Gropecuntelane, which Thomas de Chiw, carpenter, formerly held by devise [*ex legato*] of Christina Canun. Witnesses : William de la Withie, John de Palton, Richard Curteys, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 4 April, 5 Edw. II.

Round seal : a star. S' IOHANNE CANONE.

181. 1312.—Release by Joan called Canun, widow of Roger Goybel, in her lawful widowhood, to William le Ferur

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of Welles, his heirs and assigns, of all her right to a house and land in Gropelane, Wells. Witnesses: William de la Withie, John de Paltone, Richard Curteys, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 4 April, 5 Edw. II.

Round seal, as no. 180.

182. 1312–3.—Grant by Mabel relict of William de Westbury, in her lawful widowhood, to William de Westbury, her son, his heirs and assigns, of a messuage in Welles, in Suthovere st., paying 8*d.* yearly, to the chief lords for all service. He gave a certain sum of money. Witnesses: William atte Wythie, Richard Curteys, Walter called Le Somenour, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday, the feast of the Circumcision, 6 Edw. II.

Round seal: an ornamental star. S' MABILIE DE WESTBVRI.

183. 1312–3.—Agreement between Robert Wayfer and Ralph de Schipton, concerning certain shares in the manor of Meulesberwe which their wives inherited, whereby Ralph grants to Robert his [? Ralph's] share in the above manor. Release of all actions, etc. Witnesses: Edmund de Welesleye, William le Veil, Robert de Wodeford, Reynold Poleyn, Reynold de Northcote, [and others]. Dated, Cyrencestre, the morrow of the Circumcision, 6 Edw. II.

184. 1313.—Recital by John [de Drokenesford], bishop of Bath and Wells, of:—

(1) Bull of Pope Clement [V], respecting the collection of funds to prosecute the war against the Saracens, &c. Dated, Avignon, kal. Dec., viii anno. [1312].

(2) Another bull of the same, relating to the same subject. Dated as above.

Followed by the appointment of the dean and chapter of Wells, to be sub-collectors in the diocese aforesaid of the sums appointed to be raised. Dated, London, xii kal. Nov., 1313, 4th year of the bishop.

185. 1313–4.—Grant by Larenc', relict of William de Cowmiche, to Robert Chandel and Edith his wife, for their lives, of 3 acres of land in the field called Tonfurlang in [? no place named], paying 1*d.* yearly to the grantor. Witnesses: William de Edyguston, Michael de Edyguston, John de Norhurne, and John Chandel. Dated, Stocurcy, feast of St. Lawrence, 7 Edw. II.

186. 1314.—Transcript of two documents:—

(1) Letter of Edward II to J[ohn de Drokenesford], bishop of Bath and Wells, urging payment of 500 marks of the first year of the six years' tithes imposed by the late pope Clement V (the sum having been advanced by the merchants of the society of the Bardi of Florence to the king) at an early date. Dated, York, 26 Sept., 8 Edw. II [1314].

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(2) Letter of Thomas, earl of Lancastre and Leycestre, and steward of England, to the same, relating to the same matter. Dated, York, 3 October [same year]. *French.*

187. 1314–5.—Grant by John de Morbathe-juxta-Brideport, co. Dorset, with the assent of his wife, Margery, daughter and co-heir of Robert de la Fenne, to Henry de Morbathe, his son, and the heirs of his body, of Margery's purparty in the lands, &c., of La Fenne-juxta-Mertoke, including the reversion of lands held in dower by Joan de Casewis (?), widow of Robert de la Fenne. Witnesses: Sir William de Faucumberge, knt., Peter de Bolonia, John de Widecumbe, William Aumbesas, [and others]. Dated, Mertoke La Fenne, Wednesday, Circumcision of Our Lord, 8 Edw. II. *Much decayed.*

188. 1315.—Release by John le Kyng of Wynterolowe and Agnes de Gorselade his wife, to Agnes David of Dultecote, her heirs and asigns, of their right in two houses and land in Dultecote, which Reynold de Weleslegh formerly held. Witnesses: William de la Wythie, Robert de Weleslegh, John de Duddesden, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Thursday after the Nativity of St. John Baptist, 8 Edw. II.

Two round seals, (1) An ornamental cross [? a cross raguly]; S' JOH'IS LE [K]YNG. (2) An ornamental fleur-de-lis [?]; S' AGNET' DE GARSLAD'.

189. 1316.—Grant by Simon de Domerham of North Cury to Thomas de Mere of Northcury, his heirs and assigns, of all the grantor's land in Wrentich in the manor of Northcury, which he had of the gift of Ascelina de la Lade; Thomas gave 20*l.* Witnesses: Richard de Loveny, Peter de Boloygne, John de la Sloo, John de Cnappe, [and others]. Dated, Northcury, Wednesday after Palm Sunday, 9 Edw. II.

190. 1316.—Undertaking by John [de Drokenesford], bishop of Bath and Wells, principal collector in the diocese of the sexennial tithe imposed by the late Pope Clement V, and of the yearly tithe granted to the king for the defence of the realm, by the clergy of the province of Canterbury; relating to the postponement of the collection, and indemnifying the dean and chapter of Wells, subcollectors, for the loan of the same to the king to help in repelling the Scots. Dated, Banewell, ix kal. Jul., 1316.

Fragments of episcopal seal.

191. 1316.—Release by William le Mareys of Loxtone to Sir William de Welonde, knt., lord of Loxtone, his heirs and assigns, of all right to all his lands and tenements in Loxtone, granted to him by the same Sir William for life. Witnesses:

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Sir John de Beauchamps of the Marsh, Sir Adam le Walsche, knts., William Artur, Philip le Iryssche, [and others]. Dated, Loxtone, Monday after St. Bartholomew, 9 Edw. II.

192. 1316.—Exemplification by Edward II of the letters patent of Edward I *Super prisis bonorum cleri*, in his 3rd year, as enrolled at length on the Statute Roll in the Tower, membr. 33 dors. Dated, York, 24 Nov., 10 Edw. II; *per ipsum regem et consilium.*

Much injured by damp.

193. 1317.—Instrument, drawn up and attested by Roger de Clisseby, clerk of the diocese of Lincoln, notary public by Apostolic and Imperial authority, of the admission by John, bishop of Bath and Wells, of Sir Roger de Northburgh, clerk of the king of England, by his proctor, Master William de Euston, clerk, to be a canon of Wells, in the presence of Sir Richard de Alesford, Sir Robert de Taunton, and Master Adam de Riston [?], clerks, and in pursuance of letters of Pope John XXII. Dated, *in manerio domini Roberti filii Pagani, militis, apud* Chedene, 5 June, Indict. XV, 1317.

Notarial *signum.*

194. 1318.—Grant by John de Godelee, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Sir Godfrey de Chepmanneslade, for his life, of a messuage in New st., Wells, paying yearly to the grantors 6*s.* 8*d.* to maintain two torches before the high altar at the elevation of the body of Christ, and 3*s.* 4*d.* to maintain lights in the chapel of Blessed Mary where *Salve sancta parens* is sung, and 3*s.* 4*d.* on the anniversary of Richard de Chepmanneslade in bread to the poor, for all service. Witnesses: John de Palton, Nicholas de Palton, William Markaunt, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Friday the morrow of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, 11 Edw. II.

195. 1318.—Agreement in settlement of a dispute between Roger de Middelton and Juliana his wife on the one part and Walter de Ludeforde, cook, on the other part, concerning the right to and ownership of a wall dividing their two tenements on the west side and the south end of Gropecountelane, Wells, which Roger and Juliana have of the gift of John le Norreys, and which Walter has of the gift of Edith Fogheles, which wall was and is the north *pyno* of the first named tenement, and the timbers of both parties go into it. Walter releases all claim to the wall, and Roger and Juliana grant him the right to insert his timbers into it. Witnesses: William de la Wythye, Edmund de Welleslegh, William le Markant, Thomas le Devenyssh, [and others]. Dated, 1 Aug., 12 Edw. II.

Round seal: a 6-leaved flower; CREDE MICHI.

196.—Duplicate or counterpart of no. 195; seal lost.

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197. 1319.—Grant by Richard son of Richard le Carpenter of Wreyntych to Robert de Somerton and Joan his wife, and the heirs of Robert, of 2 acres of land in Wrentych, in exchange for other 2 acres in the same vill. Witnesses: Thomas de Merre, John atte Sloo, John de Knappe, Richard le Frye, [and others]. Dated, Wreynth, Thursday after Trinity, 12 Edw. II.

Round seal: a couped bust in two interlaced squares, with an uncertain legend between the points.

198. 1321.—Grant by William de la Wythyegh, burgess of Wells, to John le Smyth of Childe Compton and Maude his wife, and the heirs and assigns of John, for a certain sum of money, of a messuage in Biestethewalle st., Wells, a rood of land adjoining, and a rood of land situate at "la Aisshenecroyce." Witnesses: Roger de Middelton, Edmund de Wellesleygh, Adam de Chelewourth, Walkelin Tonere, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 10 April, 14 Edw. II.

Round seal: a 6-pointed star on a field crusily. s' WILL' D' LAWYTHYE.

199. 1321.—Commission by John [de Drokenesford], bishop of Bath and Wells, to Masters Richard de Plumstoke and John Martel, canons of Wells, and William de Edington and Robert de Wamberge, his clerks, to enquire concerning the liberty and immunity of the dignities of the church of Wells, the jurisdiction of the dean, and whether the chapel of St. Columbanus at Cheddar was a free chapel of the king's when he held that manor, and who was wont to intermeddle therein in the time of the king and of our predecessors; and also as to the value of two old mitres and one pastoral staff, gloves with gilt knots [*cum nodis deauratis*], and a gold ring. Dated, Wyvelescombe, nones of October, 1321, 12th year of the bishop.

Fragments of a large pointed oval seal, red wax; in the upper part the Blessed Virgin Mary and Infant; in base, under a canopy, a figure of the bishop, mitred, kneeling in profile to the right.

200. Release by Agnes called Canoun, relict of William Brodwode, in her lawful widowhood, to William le Ferrour, his heirs and assigns, for a certain sum of money, of her right to a tenement on the east side of Gropelane, Wells. Witnesses: Nicholas de Palton, Edmund de Welleslegh, Adam de Chelewourth, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday after St. Andrew, 15 Edw. II.

Round seal: a star-like ornament. s' AGNETIS CANONES.

201. 1321.—Agreement by John [de Drokenesford], bishop of Bath and Wells, with Sir John de Godelee, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, respecting the receipt of the profits of

vacant churches in the diocese of Bath and Wells ; the dean and chapter to receive the profits, to use their jurisdiction as to prebends and prebendal churches ; the archdeacons of Bath, Wells, and Taunton to enjoy their own customary jurisdiction ; the bishop to enjoy his own customary powers of citation and correction. Dated, London, at the New Temple, 9 Kal. . . . , 1321, 12th year of the bishop.

Injured by damp.

202. 1322.—Agreement between John Jakes of Byestewall, and John le Smyth of Chyldecompton ; Jakes grants to Smyth the easement of a wall called pynonwall, for a yearly rent of ½*d.*, under penalty of 20*s.* if not paid duly. Witnesses : Henry de Benteshale, William le Mercer, John Manywrenche, John le Frye of Hornyngdon, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Wednesday before SS. Philip and James, 15 Edw. II. 1322.

Round seal : a star. S' JOH'IS JAKIN.

203. 1322.—Grant by William son of John Chirebourne [?] of Bath, vicar in the church of St. Andrew, Wells, to John de Godelegh, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, of a yearly rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* arising from a tenement in Wells, which Walter le Teler and Christina his wife hold for their lives, and the reversion of the same after their deaths. Witnesses : . . . de Middelton, Adam de Cheleworth, William Scot, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 10 kal. April, 1322.

Round seal : within a carved and pointed Gothic quatrefoil, a full length figure of St. Andrew with his cross, before him the half length figure of the grantor, adoring him. In the field the legend—S' W. DE BA'.

204. 1323.—Grant by Hugh de Lymyntone, vicar in the church of St. Andrew, Wells, to Master Walter de Hulle, vicar, his heirs and assigns, of houses in Wells in the street leading from La Montorye to the street which goes from Biestethewalle to the said church, paying yearly 9*d.* to the chief lords and 2*lbs.* of incense [*thuris*] to the church of St. Andrew. Witnesses : Roger de Middelton, Adam de Chelewourth, Edmund de Welleslegh, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 5 April, 16 Edw. II.

205. 1324.—Grant by Avice la Duk, relict of John called Le Webbe, in her lawful widowhood, to her son John, clerk, his heirs and assigns, of a tenement and land in Prestelegh in Dultyng parish, which William son and heir of Walter le Neveu formerly granted to her and her husband in fee simple. Witnesses : William Sammel, John Sammel, Walkelin Tonere, Henry le Thick, [and others]. Dated, Prestelegh, 5 April, 17 Edw. II.

Pointed oval seal : a star. S' AVICIE LE DVC.

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206. 1324.—Grant by John de Welleslegh, lord of Welleslegh, to Warin de Welleslegh, son of Alice de Welleslegh, and to Ellen his wife, for their lives, of a messuage and garden at Byestewall, between the tenement of Richard atte Stone and la Puryheye, paying 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly to the grantor for all secular service except royal service, and except service at my court of Wells. Witnesses: Sir Thomas de Welleslegh, knt., Edmund de Welleslegh, Robert de Wodeford, John le Frie, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Assumption of the B.V.M., 18 Edw. II.

207. 1324.—Lease by Robert Wayfer of Wyveleslegh to Master Richard de Forde, treasurer of the church of Wells, for his life, of all his lands, etc., in Melesburgh, Wokyhole, and Cnolle, at a yearly rent of 8*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Master Richard may dispose of it by will, or his executors may hold it or dispose of it, for one year after his death, paying as before. Dated, Wells, Monday the morrow of St. Jerome, the confessor, 1324.

Oval seal, from an antique gem set in a metal rim; a hawk with wings expanded, preying on a rabbit. S' RICARDI DE FORDE CLERICI.

208. 1324.—Grant by John de Weleslegh, knt., to Master Walter de Hull, clerk, his heirs and assigns, of a "place" of land in Wells, called La Purihey, lying between the street leading to Byestewall, on the south, and the street going towards La Monterye on the west. Witnesses: Adam de Cheleworth, Roger de Middelton, Nicholas de Palton, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday after St. Andrew, 18 Edw. II.

209. 1324.—Power of attorney by John de Wellesleghe, knt., to Adam de Cheleworthe, to deliver to Master Walter de Hulle, clerk, seisin of land in Wells, called La Puriheye [as in no. 208]. Dated, Wells, Monday after St. Andrew, 18 Edw. II.

Round seal: a shield of arms and legend, uncertain, cracked. S' JOHANNI[S] . . . LESLEH.

210. 1325–6.—Release by Henry le Bakere of Wells to Thomas de Testwode, burgess of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of his right to land in Wells, viz: 1½ acres in the field of Stoberghe and ½ acre near Sandbroke, which he had of the grantor's gift. Witnesses: Roger de Middelton, Adam de Cheleworth, Walkelin Tonere, Brian Dauberville, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday after the Purification, 19 Edw. II.

211. 1327.—Grant by Robert Wayfer to Walter Eem of Milvertone, for 5 marks, of a tenement at Wokyhole in the manor of Wells, for his life, paying yearly 6*s.* 8*d.* to the grantor for all service, and doing royal service and discharging all other burdens whatsoever. Witnesses: Roger de Middelton, Richard le Parker, John de Ellewelle, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Tuesday, the feast of St. Michael, 1 Edw. III.

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212. 1328.—Grant by Richard de Wyndesores to Robert de Cormailles, his heirs and assigns, of all his lands, tenements, and a moiety of a watermill in the manor of Bikenalre, with the reversion of a messuage and 40 acres of land, which John de Ludehiwichs of Lynche holds for life. Witnesses: Sir John de Erlee, Sir Ralph Fitzhours, Sir Alexander Luterel, Sir John de Membury, Sir John de Reynny, Sir John Fichet, knts., John Durburgh, John de Ludehiwichs, Roger atte Walle, and Simon de Roches. Dated, Winchester, Trinity Sunday, 2 Edw. III.

Round seal; within a finely carved Gothic pointed quatrefoil, and between three oakleaves, a shield of arms, a saltire between four crosses, fleury or crosslet. S' RICARDI DE WYNDLESORE.

213. 1328.—Grant by Robert de Somerton to John le Webbe and Richard le Webbe, for their lives, of land in Wrentich, paying 2*s.* yearly to the grantor, and working for two days in autumn by [*per*] two men at Wrentich (for which they shall have their food [*gestum suum*] at Christmas), for all service. After the death of each of them his best beast shall be given as a heriot. Witnesses: Walter de Haceh, Walter Caucy, Hugh atte Hele, [and others]. Dated, Wrentich, Monday after St. Barnabas, 2 Edw. III.

214. 1328.—Indenture by Adam, the abbat, and the convent of Glastonbury, acknowledging that by reason of the lands, &c., which they had of the gift of Master Robert de Wambergh, archdeacon of Wells, in Middeltone Abbots, near Ievelcestre, in exchange for one acre of glebe-land and the advowson of the church of the vill of Bergh, the archdeacon had delivered to them two charters:—

(1) Grant by William de Middelton to John de Buttone, provost of Wells, and his heirs, of the said lands, etc., in Middelton Abbots.

(2) Grant by William de Buttone to Thomas de Buttone, archdeacon of Wells, and his successors, of the same lands, etc.

These they undertake to deliver to the archdeacon for the time being if they have to call on him to warrant the said lands, etc., in the king's court. Dated, Middeltone Abbots, near Ievelcestre, Friday, the nativity of St. John Baptist, 2 Edw. III.

215. 1328.—Certificate of an inquisition taken in the parish church of Axebrugge, vii kal. August, 1328, by the official of the archdeacon of Wells, in pursuance of a mandate of John [de Drokensford], bishop of Bath and Wells, dated at Banewell, viii kal. August, 1328, 19th year of the bishop, directing the archdeacon or his official to enquire into the vacancy, patronage, last presentation, profits, &c., of the parish

church of Bergh, to which Master Robert de Wambergh, archdeacon of Wells, has presented John called Treonte, of Heyeworth, priest. The jury of rectors and vicars [names] say that the church of Bergh is rightly vacant because the last rector, Sir Adam Sprynghcose, has been appointed to the parish church of Moneketon, in the diocese of Wells, and it became vacant about the feast of St. Barnabas the Apostle last; Master Robert de Wambergh, archdeacon of Wells, is the true patron, as appears by a charter (produced) of the abbat and convent of Glastonbury, who gave to the archdeacon and his successors certain glebe land in the vill of Bergh together with the advowson of the church, and by William Rosmond, their attorney, delivered seisin to him; the abbat and convent presented last; the person presented [*presentatus*] is free and legitimate, of good life and honest conversation, and in priest's orders, and holds a perpetual vicarage in the cathedral church of Wells.

This copy has been sealed by the said bishop, at Banewell, iiii kal. August, same year.

Fragment of seal.

216. 1328.—Grant and release by Avice, relict of Thomas de Merre of Northeory, to Robert de Somerton and Joan his wife, and to Thomas and Cicely, their children, of all lands, tenements, rents, and services, as well of freemen as villeins, in Merre and Slole in Northeory, as fully as she held the same after the death of the said Thomas de Merre by a fine levied in the king's court or in any other way. Witnesses: William de Thorne, Walter de Hacthe, Alan de Kyngesbur', John de la Slo, [and others]. Dated, Northeory, 23 Dec., 2 Edw. III.

Fragment of seal, round; a squirrel cracking a nut.

217. 1328–9.—Certificate of an inquisition taken in the parish church of Axebrugge, xv kal. February, 1328, by Walter de Hulle, rector of the church of Schepton Beauchamp and commissary of the bishop, in pursuance of a mandate of John [de Drokensford], bishop of Bath and Wells, dated at Banewelle, nones December, 1328, directing him to enquire as to the true yearly value of the portions, fruits, rents, etc., of the church of Berghes, to the vicarage of which Master Robert de Wambergh, archdeacon of Wells, has presented John de Hampton Meysi, priest, the bishop wishing to make provision for ordination of the vicarage. The jury of rectors and vicars [names] say that the oblations of the altars of the said church, together with the tithes of wool, cheese, milk, lambs, calves, foals [*pullanorum*], apples, eggs, fisheries, ducks, curtilages and hay and of the mills belonging to the church, are worth 15 marks yearly, and the tithes of sheaves are worth 25 marks. The archdeacon was warned that he might be present if he wished at the ordination of the said vicarage. Copy sealed by the bishop, London, xiii kal. Mar., same year.

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Fragment of a pointed oval seal, bearing a figure of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Child in a niche.

218. 1328–9.—Settlement by John [de Drokensford], bishop of Bath and Wells, of the dues payable to and chargeable upon the vicarage of Berghes in the archdeaconry of Wells, whereby John de Hampton Meysy, the newly appointed vicar, and his successors, are to have an acre of land in Pynekescroft for their habitation, and all oblations, obventions, altar dues [*altillagia*] and small tithes [as in no. 217, but omitting hay, and adding pigeons and flax], arising in the whole parish except the archdeacon's *curia*, which will amount to 10*l.* and more; subject to a charge upon them of 40*s.* to the archdeacon, for the support of three chaplains in the cathedral church. Dated, London, xv kal. March, 1328 [1329], 20th year of the bishop.

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220. 1328–9.—Appointment by John [de Drokensford], bishop of Bath and Wells, of Stephen de Kyngeston, priest, to the chantry founded by the said bishop at the altar near which our body . . . for the commemoration of Sir John de Godelee, dean of Wells, and others, &c. Dated, Dogmersfeld, 16 kal. April, 1328 [1329], 20th year of the bishop.

Much mutilated.

221. 1330.—Inspeximus and confirmation by Roger de Cormayles of a grant by Robert de Cormayles, his brother, late deceased, to John de Godelee, Robert de Wamberg, and Hamelin de Godelee, their heirs and assigns, of all his lands in Bikenalre, with the services of free tenants and villeins; witnesses: Philip de Columbariis, John de Clivedon, Baldwin Malet, Hugh de Langlande, John de Reyne, knts., [and others]; dated, Wyke-juxta-Norton in Caunden, 26 May, 3 Edw. III. Witnesses: John de Denham, Ralph le Fuitzhors, Simon de Forneus, John de Clivedon the younger, John de Erleye, knts., [and others]. Dated, Wells, Wednesday before the Conversion of St. Paul, 1330.

222. 1330.—Receipt by Henry de Harnhulle, Roger de Cornmailles, and Robert Thiwe, executors of the will of Robert de Cornmailles, to the dean and chapter of Wells, for 1,000 marks in which the dean and chapter were bound to the said Robert de Cornmailles. Dated, Wells, Thursday before the Conversion of St. Paul, 1330.

Round seal: head of Janus, from an antique gem. S' H . . . N . . .

223. 1329–30.—Grant by John le Smythe of Childe Comptone to Thomas Mey of Lymyngtone, clerk, his heirs and assigns, of a messuage in the street called Byestethewalle, Wells, a rood of land adjoining, and a rood of land at la Aisschenecroyce; also an area annexed to the messuage and

part of a curtilage, and the easement of a wall called pynonwal, which I have of the gift of John Jakes. Witnesses: Roger de Middelton, Edmund de Wellesleigh, Adam de Chelewourthe, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 14 Feb., 4 Edw. III.

224. 1330.—Release by John de Mohoun, knt., to John de Godelee, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, of all his right, whether in demesne, rent or service, to all the lands, etc., that Richard de Wyndesore formerly held of him in Byknalre, in the town of Stokgomer. Witnesses: John de Clyvedon, John de Erlee, Hugh de Langlond, Ralph Fisours, [and others]. Dated, Dunsterre, Sunday after St. John *ante Portam Latinam*, 1330, 4 Edw. III.

Round seal: a shield of arms, a cross engrailed, at either side of the shield is a lion passant. S' [JO]HANIS DE MOVN.

225. 1330.—Letters patent giving licence to the dean and chapter of St. Andrew, Wells, to assign in mortmain to the abbat and convent of Athelingney 100 acres of moor in Northcury, for the common of pasture which the abbat and convent have in 800 acres of moor belonging to the dean and chapter in the same vill. Westminster, 12 July, 4 Edw. III.

226. 1330.—Grant by Hamelin de Godelee to John de Godelee, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, in free alms, of all his lands and tenements in Bikenalre, with services of free tenants and villeins, to find two chaplains at a salary of 2 marks yearly, for the celebration of masses in the chapels of St. Katherine, St. Mary Magdalene and St. Margaret, in St. Andrew's church, Wells, for the souls of John de Droknesforde, late bishop of the said church, Robert de Cormailles, Roger his brother, Richard de Alresforde, Henry de Harnhull, and all faithful departed. Witnesses: Sirs John de Clivedon, Ralph Fuzours, John de Meymbury, knts., [and others]. Dated, Friday, the eve of St. Michael, 4 Edw. III.

227. 1330.—Grant by Roger atte Fenne and John Benet, chaplains, to Robert atte Fenne, son of Walter atte Fenne, of the parish of Mertok, and Emmota his wife, their heirs and assigns, of all their lands and tenements at La Fenne in the parish of Mertok, which they have of the gift of the said Robert. Witnesses: Walter de Wydecomb, John Burcy, Laurence Geffray, [and others]. Dated, La Fenne, Monday after St. Luke, Evang., 4 Edw. III.

Round seal: an Agnus Dei. S. PRIVE SMV [?].

228. 1330–1.—Grant by Thomas Gyngelot of Wells, clerk, son and heir of Cristina Gyngelot, relict of Hugh de Were, burgess of Wells, with the assent of his wife Alice, to Thomas de Mertoke the elder, burgess of Wells, and Edith his wife, and the heirs and assigns of Edith, of a messuage in the west

part of the street called Ysakesmede, Wells, and of a rent of 12*d.* from a messuage adjacent which Avice Gyngelot, his sister, holds of him for life, with reversion of the same, paying 3*s.* yearly to the grantor while Avice lives, and 4*s.* after her death. Witnesses: Roger de Middelton, Edmund de Welleslegh, Henry le Eyr, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Wednesday after St. Peter *in Cathedra*, 5 Edw. III.

Round seal: an ornamental star. S' THOME GYNIGLOT [?].

229. 1331–2.—Grant by Robert Wayfer of Wyveleslegh, to John called Person, of Wells, and Joan his wife, for their lives, of a tenement in Wokyhole, which John Cake formerly held of me, and which John and Joan lately had from Sir Robert de Clypston, canon of Wells, my assign and farmer of all my lands and tenements in Melesbergh and Wokyhole, paying yearly to the grantor 4*s.* 10*d.* for all service except royal service. Witnesses: Thomas de Wodeford, Richard le Parkere, Hugh atte Chapele, [and others]. Dated, Wyveleslegh, Sunday after St. Augustine the bishop, 6 Edw. III.

Round seal: a branch slipped with a 3-foil leaf growing out of it; legend indecipherable.

230. 1332.—Grant by Philip de Droknesford, son and heir of Philip de Droknesford, to Sir John de Godelee and Sir Hamelin, his brother, their heirs and assigns, of a messuage and lands in Okhamptone in the parish of Wyvelescombe, which formerly belonged to Sir John de Droknesford, his uncle. John and Hamelin gave 100*l.* Witnesses: Sirs John de Clyvedone the elder, John de Erlegh, Ralph Phizhours, Hugh de Langlond, knts., John de Durburgh, and John le Jeu. Dated, Wells, Friday after the Translation of St. Thomas the martyr, 6 Edw. III.

Round seal, bearing a shield of arms; quarterly, four conical hats, in chief a label of three points. [S' P]HILIPPI DE DROKNES. . .*

231.—Duplicate of no. 230. Round seal, a stag. TIMETE DEVM.

232. 1332.—Release by Philip de Drokenesford, brother and heir of Sir John de Drokenesford, sometime bishop of Bath and Wells, to Sir Hamelin de Godele, canon in the cathedral church of St. Andrew of Wells, of all right to all lands and tenements in Okhampton in the parish of Wyvelescombe, which Philip de Drokenesford, his son, gave to Sir Hamelin by his charter. Witnesses: Sirs John de Clyvedon the elder, John de Erlegh, Ralph Fizhours, Hugh de Langelond, knts.,

* Quarterly azure and or, four caps (called *pilia pastoralia*, in form of a doge's cap) counterchanged.—Papworth. Caps of this shape are sometimes called *insulæ*; see Randle Holme, *Accidence of Armory*.

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John de Durburgh and John le Jeu. Dated, Drokenesford, Monday, feast of St. Margaret the virgin, 6 Edw. III.

233. 1332.—Release by Giles de Pymore to Robert de Somerton, Joan his wife, and Thomas their son, and the heirs and assigns of Robert, of all right to various messuages and lands in Slolegh, Lellesdon, Wrentych, and West [?Hatch] in the parish of Northcori. Dated, Lyllesdon, 5 October, 6 [?] Edw. III.

Round seal, defaced ; AWAVSRE.

234. 1332.—Appointment by the dean and chapter of Wells of Masters John de Wambergh and John Pymme, canons of the same, as proctors or attorneys to receive seisin of the manor of Okhampton, collated to the said dean and chapter by Sir Hamelin de Godelee. Dated, Chapterhouse, Wells, 10 Dec., 1332, 6 Edw. III.

235. 1332.—Appointment by Hamelin de Godelee of Master Richard de Thistelden, treasurer of the cathedral, Wells, and Sir William de Tolond, perpetual vicar of the church of Wyvelescomb, to deliver seisin of the manor of Okhampton to the dean and chapter of Wells. Dated, Wells, 10 December, 1332, 6 Edw. III.

Round seal : impression of an antique gem, ? two deer running to the right.

236. 1332.—Release by Hugh son and heir of James Tryvet of Okhampton, to Sir John de Godelee, the dean, and the chapter of St. Andrew's, Wells, of his right to lands in Okhamptone, which formerly belonged to the said James, in the parish of Wyvelescombe. Sealed with the seal of the community of the borough of Wells as well as my own, *quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum.* Witnesses: Sir John de Wroxhale, sheriff of Somerset, Hugh de Langelond, knts., Philip de Weleslee, Robert de Somerton, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Wednesday after St. Thomas the martyr, 6 Edw. III.

Seal of the city of Wells, fragmentary.

237. 1332.—Duplicate of no. 236.

Sealed with the seal of the community of the borough of Wells, together with that of Adam de Chelewourth, *quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum.*

238. 1332–3.—Grant by Geoffrey de la Hokerstone, son of Geoffrey de la Hokerstone of Wells, to Thomas de Brydeport, marshal, and Cristina his wife, and the heirs and assigns of Thomas, of a messuage in Southovere st., and a perch of land there, next the garden of the prior and brethren of the Hospital of St. John at Wells on the east, and extending towards the south to the watercourse running from the bishop's outer

mill [*molendinum extrinsecum*]. Witnesses: Adam de Cheleworth, Thomas de Mertok, Thomas de Testwode, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 20 March, 7 Edw. III.

Round seal: an ornamental star of eight points. S' GALFRIDI LA HOKERSTONE IVNIOR'.

239. 1332–3.—Appointment by Geoffrey de la Hokerstone, son of Geoffrey de la Hokerstone of Wells, of John de Yendernvile, tailor, to deliver to Thomas de Brydeport and Cristina his wife, seisin of a messuage and lands in Wells, at Southovere. Dated, Wells, 20 March, 7 Edw. III.

Round seal, as no. 238.

240. 1333.—Release by Richard de Thystelden, locumtenens of the dean of Wells in his absence, and the chapter, in general convocation, Thursday, 15 July, 1333, to Sir Hamelin de Godelee, Richard de Chudderlegh, John de Chudderlegh, and Sir Roger de Aeton, executors of the will of Sir John de Godelee, late dean, of all actions on account of the demolition of the church at Wells, and of money collected for the work or fabric of the same, expenses of the stalls, the canonization of Sir William de Marchia [*ratione demolicionis ecclesie Wellensi predicte operis seu fabrice ejusdem ecclesie per ipsum defunctum qualitercumque dum vixit inchoate, vel per eundem in eadem perficiende, ac eciam cujuscumque pecunie tam ad opus seu fabricam dicte ecclesie quam stallos chori, canonizacionem domini Willelmi de Marchia, seu aliunde quacumque decetera concesse collecte seu per eundem defunctum dum vixit vel executores suos ad dictum opus seu fabricam dicte ecclesie ante diem confectionis presencium recepte*], save actions against the executors for muniments of the church, etc. Dated, Wells, as above.

241. 1333.—Grant by Juliana called La Kyng, relict of Roger de Middelton, burgess of Wells, in her lawful widowhood, to Laurence Gelde and Agnes his wife, for their lives, of a messuage on the north side of Southovere st., Wells; paying yearly to the grantor a rose at the Nativity of St. John Baptist and doing all service to the chief lord. Witnesses: Walkelin Tonere, Thomas de Wodeford, Adam de Cheleworth, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday, eve of St. Thomas the Apostle, 7 Edw. III.

Round seal: a gryllus or compound figure, comprising the heads of a man, an ass, and an eagle. LISET E CELET.

242. 1334.—Grant by John Pouer to Michael de Edustune, son of William de Edustune, and to Agnes his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, of a yearly rent of ½*d.* which Lucy wife of Walter le Cat pays for her life, with the reversion of ½ acre of meadow which the said Lucy holds for life, paying yearly to the grantor ¼*d.* for all service. Reversion to the grantor

and his heirs. Witnesses : Robert de Bere, William Strecche, Walter Seleman, [and others]. Dated, Stoke Curcy, Friday after the Annunciation, 8 Edw. III.

243. 1334.—Grant by Thomas de Retforde, chancellor of Wells, president during the vacancy of the deanery, and the chapter, to Alan de Gosenhale and Agnes his wife, for their lives, of a messuage and 18 acres of land in Hywysch, near the high bridge, belonging to our church of Burnham, at a yearly rent of 9*s.*, and pasture on the north side of the church at a yearly rent of 6*s.* 8*d.*, for all service. Dated, Wells, Sunday after the Translation of St. Thomas the martyr, 8 Edw. III.

244. 1334.—Grant by John de Pymour to Robert de Somerton, Joan his wife, and Thomas their son, and the heirs of Robert, of a messuage and land held by Adam Barde in bondage in Slolegh, and of 2 acres of land lying under the stone mill in Slolegh, and of a rent of 6*d.* yearly paid by Walter Brete and Agnes his wife for one acre of meadow in Hacchemede, which they hold for their lives, together with the reversion of the same. Witnesses : John atte Sloo, Walter Caucy, Walter de Hacche, [and others]. Dated, Northcory, Monday after Michaelmas, 8 Edw. III.

Round seal : a duck [?].

245. 1335.—Release by Thomas de Retforde, chancellor of Wells, to Master John Martel, canon of Wells, and his heirs, of his right to a house in la Mulelane, Wells, which belonged to Henry le Gatere, burgess of Wells. Witnesses : Adam de Chelewourth, Thomas Thestwode, Stephen de Wedmore, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 10 Sept., 1335, 9 Edw. III.

Oval seal ; a square with four semi-circular loops forming a gothic carved quatrefoil ; in the square a tau cross, between the sacred monogram I.H.C. ; in the spaces around the square, (1) an eagle displayed, (2) a lion, (3) an Agnus Dei, (4) a wyvern. Legend, a rhyming verse.

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QVE . . . SANOTERO [?].

246. 1335.—Grant by Walter de Rodeneye to John Gylle of Wells and Edith his wife, weavers, for their lives, of a messuage on the east side of Gropecountelane, Wells, paying 20*s.* yearly to the grantor for all service. Witnesses : Adam de Chelewrth, Thomas de Testwode, Richard le Heyr, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Tuesday after Michaelmas, 9 Edw. III.

Round seal: a shield of arms, three eagles displayed. Crest on a helmet, mantling, and wreath, on a high cap, an owl (?). S' WALTERI DE RODENEYE.

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247. 1335.—Statement by William Parle, parishioner of the church of Northcori, that he, assisted by William atte Rowe, had wickedly abstracted certain tithes of sheaves, belonging to the chapter of Wells as rectors of the said church, whereby he had incurred the sentence of greater excommunication, but on supplication for remission, and on surrender of the keys of certain houses wherein he and his companion abovementioned had stored the tithes, to the treasurer of Wells, he was to receive absolution. Dated, Wells, Wednesday after St. Leonard the abbat, 1335, 9 Edw. III. In the presence of Master Richard de Wells, treasurer, Robert de Baldok, canon, Hugh de Ophulle, vicar, William de Crysteham, Reynold the sacrist, and Geoffrey de Baggerygg. Sealed with the seal of the official of the dean of Wells, *quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum.*

Seals. (1) William Parle; round; two hands crossed in saltire. PRIVE SV. (2) William atte Rowe; round; an eagle displayed. (3) Official of the deanery of Wells; pointed oval; a figure under an arch adoring a saint under a canopy; fragmentary.

248. 1336.—Ordinance by Ralph [de Shrewsbury], bishop of Bath and Wells, fixing the *portio*, or income of the vicars of the parish church of Burnham, appropriated to the dean and chapter, to consist of the oblations of the whole parish and the tithes of hay, reeds [? *rosei*], fish, mills, lambs, wool, cheese, calves, foals [*pullanorum*], flax, hemp, pigeons, pigs, honey, and whatsoever tithes arise from the gardens [*de ortis*], fowls coming from chursshut, grass in the churchyard of the church of Burnham and of the chapel of the same, and all other small tithes within the parish. The vicar to find a chaplain, defray archidiaconal dues, supply two processional candles, incense [*incensum*], bread and wine for celebrations, pay for the binding of the books and washing of the vestments; the dean and chapter to supply new books and vestments when required, and discharge all other burdens, ordinary and extraordinary. The bishop reserves power to order and assign a fit house [*mansum*] for the vicar, to be built at the cost of the dean and chapter. Dated, Banewelle, xv kal. Sept., 1336; 7th year of consecration.

249. 1336.—Release by Isabel, relict of Geoffrey de la Hokerston, in her lawful widowhood, to Thomas de Brydeport and Christina his wife, their heirs and assigns, of her right to dower in a tenement and land in Southovere st., Wells. Witnesses: Richard le Eyr, Thomas Testwode, Thomas le Devenysseh, Richard Everard, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Thursday before SS. Simon and Jude, 10 Edw. III.

250. 1337.—Grant by Walter de London, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Sir John de Sobbury, canon of the

same church, of a tenement at La Torreyete, which Sir Richard de Rodeneye, canon, formerly lived in, to hold so long as he is a prebendary canon in the said church, paying the accustomed rent and doing all repairs. Dated, Wells, 8 April, 1337.

251. 1337.—Grant by John de Clyvedon of Alre, knt., to John his son and Elizabeth his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, of yearly rent amounting to 11*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* arising from lands and houses in Cheddre, held by Roger son of Thomas de Hanam, [and others, including 10 marks 3*s.* from William de Dodevyle for a water-mill] for their lives, and the reversion of the same after their deaths; also a rent of 40*s.* which John Hiechecok and Agnes his wife pay for a tenement in Wells held by them for their lives, and the reversion of the same after their deaths; paying yearly to the grantor 7*s.* 9*d.* for all service; reversion to the grantor and his heirs. Witnesses: Sir Thomas de Erlegh, parson of the church of Alre, Richard de Chuselden, William de Seintcler, Richard de Coker, [and others]. Dated, Alre, Thursday, feast of Corpus Christi, 11 Edw. III.

Round seal: in a quatrefoil, a shield of arms, fretty or lozengy, a bend, ? with some indistinct charges; over the shield a Katherine wheel. PRECIBVS INCLINA RICARDI TV KAT'INA.

252. 1337.—Inspeximus by Edward III of an inspeximus by Henry III of a grant by King John to the church of St. Andrew and the canons of Wells, of the manor of Northcury, with the hundred and all pertaining to it, and the church of the manor, the land of Haccha, and the land of Wrentis, in free alms, quit of all secular service, *et de blanco quod ad Scaccarium nostrum inde reddi deberet*, and of a grant of a market every Wednesday at the same manor. Witnesses: J. archbishop of Dublin, [and others]. Dated, Bristol, 10 Sept., 10th year [of John], [1208]; the inspeximus of Henry III being witnessed by Eustace, bishop of London, [and others]; dated, Westminster, 12 Feb., 11th year [1226–7].

Inspecting also a grant by Edward I to the same of free warren in the demesnes of Northcory, Stoke, and Hachche, co. Somerset. Witnesses: Godfrey, bishop of Worcester, [and others]; dated, Winchester, 24 Dec., 8th year [1279]. And exchanging the above said market for another market every Tuesday at the same manor, and a yearly fair for three days, on the eve, the day, and the morrow of St. Peter *ad vincula* [1 August], provided no injury be thereby done to the neighbouring markets and fairs. Witnesses: John, archbishop of Canterbury, primate of All England, Richard, bishop of Durham, [and others]. Dated, Westminster, 5 Oct. 11th year.

253. 1338.—Appointment by Margaret Heyroun, sister and one of the heirs of John Heyroun of Enefeld the younger,

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of Thomas Durane' of Enefeld, to deliver seisin to John de Garton, citizen and mercer of London, nephew of the said Margaret, namely, son and heir of Joan, her late sister, of all lands, etc., which she (Margaret) inherited from her said brother John in Neweton, Northpeterton and Exton, co. Somerset. Dated, Enefeld, Middlesex, Sunday, the feast of St. Alphege, 19 April, 12 Edw. III.

Round seal, fragment. Two figures holding up between them a flower [?].

254. 1338.—Grant by John Walraund, knt., to John le Breware and Lucy his wife and Henry, John, Maude and Joan, their children, for their lives, of 2*s.* rent out of a messuage in Wells, held by Richard atte Stone and Alice his wife for their lives, together with the reversion of the same after the deaths of Richard and Alice ; paying yearly to the grantor 2*s.* for all service except suit of court twice a year. Witnesses : Thomas de Wodeford, Hugh de Henton, Walter de Dynre, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Friday after the Nativity of St. John Baptist, 12 Edw. III.

255. 1338.—Grant by Robert Gyene of Bristol to Robert, son and heir of William Gyene of Northcory and Cristina his wife, and the heirs of the body of Robert, of a messuage, a windmill, and all his lands, moor, etc., in Chereleyestath and the hundred of Northcory, with the reversion of all lands, etc., which Maude, relict of Robert Gyene, grandfather of the said Robert son of William Gyene, held in dower ; together with the services of free and villein tenants ; reversion to the grantor. Witnesses : Richard de Acton, John Gyene, John atte Sloo of Somerton, [and others]. Dated, Chereleye, 16 July, 12 Edw. III. *Copy.* *Cf.* vol. 1, p. 410.

On the dorse :—

Agreement between Edward, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, and Robert son and heir of William Gyan, settling a dispute as to husbote and heybote, contained in his charter ; the former grant six reasonable wagon-loads of bushwood in Stathmore yearly to Robert and his heirs, to be taken between the Exaltation of Holy Cross and Michaelmas, by view of the bailiff of Northcory ; and for this Robert releases the husbote and heybote. Witnesses : Geoffrey de la Slo, John de More, Walter le Frye, Richard le Fric, [and others]. *Copy.* *Cf.* vol. 1, p. 71.

256. 1338.—Grant by Geoffrey atte Watere, priest, and William Coke of Mertok to Henry de Morbathe and Cristina his wife and the heirs of their bodies, of all the grantors' lands, etc., which they have of Henry's gift at La Fenne in the parish of Mertoke ; with remainder to the right heirs of the said Henry. Witnesses : John Baret, Walter de Welham, John Geffrei,

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Walter Coffyn, and John de Boloygne. Dated, La Fenne, Thursday after St. Andrew, 12 Edw. III.

Round seal, an antique gem ; [?] a charioteer in a biga.

257. 1339.—Grant by Walter de Rodeneye, knt., to Thomas le Saltere, burgess of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of a rent of 13*s.* out of a tenement in Grope lane, which John Gylle and Edith his wife hold for life, and the reversion of the same after their deaths. Witnesses : Thomas de Wodeford, John le Kyng, William Chelewortlı, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Thursday after SS. Peter and Paul, 13 Edw. III.

Round seal : in a quatrefoil, a shield of arms, three eagles displayed. SIGILL . . . LTER' DE ROD. . . .

258. 1339.—Appointment by Walter de Rodeneye, knt., of John de Coumbe, to give seisin to Thomas le Saltere of the property granted by no. 257. Dated, Wells, Thursday after SS. Peter and Paul, 13 Edw. III.

Fragment of a seal, from same matrix as no. 257.

259. 1339.—Grant by John de Trente of Hegheworthe, vicar in the cathedral church of Wells, to William le Ferrur, burgess of Wells, and Agnes his wife, for their lives, of an area of land in Wells, towards Le Chepstrete ; paying yearly 12*d.* for all service. Witnesses : Thomas de Wodeford, Richard de Bradewelle, Gilbert le Bowyare, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 7 July, 13 Edw. III.

Round seal : the sacred monogram IHC, with a staff between two sprigs of leaves. NAZARENVS.

260. 1339.—Grant by Thomas de Brydeportes, burgess of Wells, to John Abraham and Cristina his wife, daughter of the grantor, and the heirs of the body of Christina, of a messuage and land in Wells adjoining the close of the Hospital of St. John in Southovere ; paying yearly at the Nativity of St. John Baptist a rose to the grantor so long as he lives, and doing all service to the chief lords. Witnesses : Thomas de Testwode, Thomas le Sadeler, John le Kynge, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 16 August, 13 Edw. III.

Round seal : an ornamental cross. S' HENR' D' BOVEHA.

261. 1339[?].—Grant by Isabel de Weleweton, relict of David de Weleweton, in her lawful widowhood, to Richard de Weleweton her son, and the heirs of his body, of a tenement, with houses and land, in Chamberlaynestrete, paying 8*s.* yearly to John de Hoo, vicar in the church of Wells, and 1*d.* to the grantor, for all service. Witnesses : Sir John de Wyke, Sir Thomas de Welleslegh, knts., John de Weleweton, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Sunday after St. Andrew, 13 Edw. [III ?].

262. 1341.—Exemplification of the statute [15 Edward III, Stat. 1, as entered on the Statute Roll at the Tower], confirming

the franchise of Holy Church, the Great Charter, the Charter of the Forest, &c. *French.*

Begins : *Nostre seignur le Roi Edward tierz apres le conquest a son parlement tenuz a Westminstre a la quinzeyne de Pasche lan de son regne quinzisme*, etc.

263. 1341.—Release by John Kyng of Wells to Henry de Shirburne, chaplain, his heirs and assigns, of his right to a messuage in Chaumberleynestrete, Wells, which Juliana la Kynggne, the grantor's mother, left [*legavit*] by her testament to Henry and his heirs. Dated, Wells, iii non. August, 15 Edw. III. Witnesses : Henry Martel, John Strode, and William Scot.

264. 1341–2.—Release by Robert le Toukere of Cheddre and John his brother to John son of John le Boghyare of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of their right to three messuages and land in La Montorie, Wells. Witnesses : Walter de Middelton, mayor of Wells, Thomas le Saltere, Hugh de Somerton, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Tuesday, feast of the Circumcision, 15 Edw. III.

265. 1341–2.—Indenture testifying that Master John Martel, canon of Wells, has deposited 100*l.* in the treasury, in the custody of Masters William de Luttelton, precentor, Simon de Bristol, chancellor, Richard de Thystelden, treasurer, Sir Michael de Eston, succentor, and Sir Geoffrey de Chelchehethe, a canon, for a perpetual chantry of 5 marks yearly for the good estate of the said Master John while he lives, and for his soul when he dies, and for the souls of his parents and benefactors, at the altar of St. Katharine and other virgins, where the body of Sir John de Drokesford, bishop of Bath and Wells, is buried. The dean and chapter, before Michaelmas next, are to acquire a patrimony out of which the said chantry of 5 marks is to be maintained. The services are to begin from the date hereof, and a chaplain is to be presented by the founder. Until Michaelmas, the dean and chapter are to provide vestments, chalice, missal and ornaments for the altar, bread, wine and light, at the celebration. If they obtain the said patrimony in the meantime, then the chaplain shall take the 5 marks, and Master John shall find a chalice, missal, 3 pair of vestments and 3 napkins [*tualia*] for the altar, the dean and chapter finding bread, wine and light or 40*d.*, as the celebrant shall elect. The right of presentation to belong to Master John during his life, and after his death to the dean, but if at any time the dean fail to appoint within 10 days, then the chapter shall appoint, and if the chapter fail for 10 days then the bishop shall appoint. The dean and chapter shall find vestments, etc., in future. If they fail to acquire the said patrimony, as aforesaid, the persons to whom the 100*l.* has been handed, shall pay the chaplain up to the time

specified, and repay the balance to Master John or his executors. Dated, Wednesday, 17 kal. Feb., 1341[–2].

266. 1341–2.—Defeasance by John Martel of the bond for 100*l.* given by Master William de Littelton [and others], with respect to the chantry to be founded, as appears in no. 265. Dated, Wells, 17 kal. Feb., 1341[–2].

267. 1343–4.—Grant by Walter de London, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Master William de Littletone and Walter de Coumptone, for their lives, of a house and land at Wokyhole, paying 16*s.* yearly for all service. Dated, Wells, Saturday before the Conversion of St. Paul, 17 Edw. III.

268. 1342.—Grant by Walter de Londoniis, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Sir Richard de Tychemerssh, perpetual vicar, for life, if he shall so long remain a vicar, of a tenement Byestwalles in the suburb of Wells, where Richard de Marchelegh and Simon Cotyn, vicars, formerly dwelt, paying the accustomed rent. He is to maintain the tenement in as good a state as it is at the date hereof, or even better. Dated, Wells, 4 July, 1342.

269. 1343.—Grant by Henry de Schyreborne, chaplain, to Bartholomew Quarter, carpenter, for life, of a house, &c., in Chambyrleynstrete, Wells, paying yearly 6*s.* 8*d.* for all service. Witnesses: Peter le Moyner, William le Lodere, William Stot, clerk, Stephen le Somenour, John Strode, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Saturday after St. Gregory, 17 Edw. III.

Round seal: a bearded bust in profile to the right, an antique gem. SERVITE . D'NO . IN . TIMORE.

270. 1342–3.—Grant by John le Boghyare of Wells to Sir Thomas Housebonde, chaplain, his heirs and assigns, of four messuages in La Montorye, Wells. Witnesses: William de Chelewourth, Walter de Middelton, Henry Martel, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Saturday the Conversion of St. Paul, 17 Edw. III.

271. 1342–3.—Release by John le Boghyare, son of John le Boghyare of Wells, to Sir Thomas Housebonde, chaplain, his heirs and assigns, of his right to the same four messuages in La Mounterye in Wells, which he has of the gift of Robert le Toukere of Cheddre and John his brother. Witnesses: Walter de Middleton, Thomas le Saltere, Hugh de Somerton, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Thursday before the Purification, 17 Edw. III.

272. 1343.—Grant by John, son and heir of William de Westbury, to Sir John de Fyfhyde, chaplain and vicar in the church of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of a vacant place of a

tenement in Southover st. Witnesses: John le Kyng, John Sobbury, John Cheleworthe, Richard le Pursere, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday after St. Agatha, 17 Edw. III.

Round seal, as no. 260.

273. 1343.—Grant by Henry de Shyrburne, chaplain, to Peter le Monyer, burgess of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of a messuage in Chaumberleynestrete, Wells, which Henry had of the gift and legacy of Juliana la Kynggne. Sealed with the seal of the grantor and also with the common seal of the commonalty of the said town *quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum*. Witnesses: William de Chelewourth, Thomas le Saltere, Hugh de Somertone, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Thursday, the feast of St. Cuthbert, 17 Edw. III.

Round seal, as no. 269.

274. 1343.—Release by Henry de Shyrburne, chaplain, to Peter le Monyer, burgess of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of his right to the same messuage in Chaumberleynestrete. Witnesses: William Chelewourth, Walter de Middelton, Thomas le Saltere, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Tuesday, the Annunciation, 17 Edw. III.

Note as to the common seal of the town, as in no. 273.

Seal as in no. 273.

275. 1346.—Certificate by Thomas de Hulle, clerk of Wells, notary public by apostolic authority, that Sir Walter de London, dean of Wells, exhibited before him a grant by Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, to the chapter of Wells, of the custody of the deanery during vacancy; dated, 4 April, 1343, Indict. 11, 1st year of Pope Clement VI, in the Chapterhouse, Wells. Witnesses: Sir Henry de Folham, canon of Wells, Master Thomas de Davyntre, and Sir John de Hulle. Dated, Banewell, May, 1346.

Notarial *signum*.

276. 1343.—Grant by John called Trent, of Hegheworthe, vicar in the cathedral church of Wells, to Peter le Moyner, burgess of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of all his tenements, cottages, etc., in Chambyrleynstreet, Wells; also a rent of 12*d*. with the reversion of the land from which it is derived. Sealed with the seal of the grantor and also with the common seal of the commonalty of the borough of Wells *quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum*. Witnesses: Sir William de Bath, rector of the church of Baggeburgh, William de Chelewworth, Thomas le Saltere, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 14 April, 17 Edw. III.

Round seal: a lion.

277. 1343.—Release by John le Kyng of Wells, son and heir of Simon le Kyng, to Peter le Moyner, burgess of Wells, of his right to a messuage in Chambyrleynstrete, Wells.

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Witnesses : Thomas le Saltere, Thomas Testwode, Hugh de Somerton, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Tuesday in Easter week, 17 Edw. III.

Hexagonal seal. In a cusped quatrefoil the initial I, between four emblems of saints, a crown, an eagle, an Agnus Dei, and a Katherine wheel.

Loosely attached by a strip of parchment is a duplicate of the seal, probably from some other document.

278. 1343.—Grant by Peter le Moyner, burgess of Wells, to William le Ferur, burgess of Wells, and Agnes his wife, for their lives, of an area of land lying towards Chepestrete, Wells, on the south ; paying yearly to the grantor 12*d.* for all service. Witnesses : William de Cheleworth, Thomas Testwode, Richard de Bradewell, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 1 June, 17 Edw. III.

Round seal : a 4-leaved flower [?]. S' WILL'I . . .

279. 1343.—Grant by Warine de Welleslegh and Ellen his wife to John called Le Bruwer, Lucy his wife, and Henry, John, Maude, and Joan, their children, for their lives, of the moiety of a newly raised stone wall, 22 feet long from west to east ; paying yearly to the grantors 4*d.* for all service, for which the grantees' tenement Byestewall may be distrained. Witnesses : Thomas de Wodeford, Guy de Astyngton, George de Welleslegh, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 9 Oct., 17 Edw. III.

Round seal : a stag's head cabossed with a cross between the attires ; TIMETE DEVM.

280. 1343.—Grant by Ralph [de Shrewsbury], bishop of Bath and Wells, to Peter le Monyer, our burgess of Wells, and the heirs of his body, of a place of land in Chamberleynestrete, paying yearly to the bishop and his successors 1*d.* for all service. Witnesses : Thomas le Saltere, John Markaunt, John le Kyng, [and others]. Dated, Woky, 12 Oct., 17 Edw. III.

Privy seal of the bishop, oval, broken. Three niches containing the Blessed Virgin Mary and Child between St. Andrew with his cross, and St. [? Peter with his keys]. In a niche below, the bishop praying. Legend destroyed.

281. 1345.—Grant by Ralph [de Shrewsbury], bishop of Bath and Wells, to Thomas le Riche and Joan his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, of a place of land in the High st. Wells, paying yearly to the bishop and his successors 6*d.* for all service ; reversion to the bishop and his successors. Witnesses : Peter le Monyer, John Markaunt, Walter de Compton, [and others]. Dated, Woky, Wednesday, St. Alban's day, 19 Edw. III.

Fine, but imperfect seal of the bishop : pointed oval ; on a diapered ground, a full length figure of the bishop, elevating

his right hand in the act of benediction ; over head a canopy. In the field the keys of St. Peter, and the saltire of St. Andrew, S' RADVLPHI DEI . . . EPISCOPI.

282. 1345.—Grant by John de Brideport of Little Kurchel to John de Chidioke, knt., his heirs and assigns, of rents paid by John de Strode and others, for various properties in Wells, and the reversion of such of them as are held for life. Witnesses : Hugh de Mohaud, John Wake of Gussith, Nicholas Pyke, Nicholas de Odecoumbe, Thomas de Fremantel, and Henry Antioche. Dated, Litelkurchel, Dorset, Sunday before the Nativity of St. John Baptist, 19 Edw. III.

Round seal : a hare or rabbit.

283. 1345.—Grant by Isabel Gylemyn, daughter of William Gylemyn of Bristol, to John de Fifide, vicar in Wells cathedral, his heirs and assigns, of a yearly rent of 8*d.* from a tenement in Suthovere, Wells, which John the son and Juliana, the relict of William de Westburi hold. Witnesses : John le Kyng, John Hichechoc, John de Westbury, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 8 July, 19 Edw. III.

Round seal : within a gothic quatrefoil a lion sejant guardant ; SVM LIO FORTIS.

284. 1345.—Release by Guy de Astyngton to Peter le Monyer, burgess of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of all right to all lands and tenements in Chaumberleynestrete, Wells, which Peter has of the gift of Sir John de Wourth, perpetual vicar in St. Andrew's church, Wells. Sealed with the seal of the grantor and also with the common seal, of the commonalty of the town aforesaid *quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum.* Witnesses : Sir Walter de Rodeneye, Sir John de Palton, knts., Walter de Cumpton, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 27 July, 19 Edw. III.

Round seal : a lion dormant ; FAVCE AMIE SEIT NONIE [?].

285. 1345.—Release by Isabel Gylemyn of Bristol, in her pure virginity, to Sir John de Fifide, vicar, of the rent conveyed by no. 283. Dated, 8 September, 19 Edw. III.

Round seal, imperfect, as no. 283.

286. 1346.—Grant by Agnes Borgeys of Doultecote to Geoffrey Borgeys, her son and heir, his heirs and assigns, of all her lands and tenements in Doultecote and Langge Sotton near Somerton. Witnesses : Hugh de Houton, John atte Chapele, Walter de Somerton, [and others]. Dated, Doultecote near Wells, Sunday before St. Gregory, pope, 19 Edw. III.

Round seal : an Agnus Dei ; ECCE AGNVS DEI.

287. 1346.—Grant by John son of William de Westbury, "boucher" of Wells, to Sir John de Fyfhide, vicar in the cathedral church of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of a rent of 8*d.* yearly arising out of a tenement in Southovere, Wells,

next the tenement of the prior of St. John, Wells, together with the reversion of the same after the death of Juliana, the grantor's mother. Witnesses: John Hygecoke, John Frere, Robert de Mertok, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Tuesday, feast of St. Ambrose, 20 Edw III.

Round seal as no. 260.

288. 1346.—Release by the same to the same of the said rent, and of two new shops [*seldis*]. Witnesses: John Hichecoke, John Sodbury, John Chelewortliy, [and others]. Dated as no. 287.

289. 1346–7.—Grant by Thomas Housebonde to Juliana de Wautone, her heirs and assigns, of a rent of 3*s.* out of a messuage held by John Citoler for life in the street called La Montorye, Wells, and the reversion of the messuage, after John's death; also 3 messuages adjoining. Witnesses: John le Boghyare, William le Lodare, Simon le Roo, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 24 January, end of the 20th year of Edw. III.

290. 1346–7.—Grant by Richard de la More, burgess of Wells, to Masters William de Littelton and Stephen de Hulle, clerks, their heirs and assigns, of a yearly rent of 57*s.* and 8*d.*, which Peter le Moner and Margery his wife, and William Dounframvyle and Mary his wife pay for a messuage in High street in Wells, adjoining the tenement of the prior of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist, Wells; with the reversion on the death of the above named tenants; doing the accustomed services to the chief lords, viz: a yearly payment of 16*s.* to the prior of the said hospital and 21*s.* to the church of St. Andrew, Wells. Sealed with the grantor's seal, and also with the seal of the commonalty of the borough of Wells, *quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum.* Witnesses: Thomas Testwode, Thomas Saltere, Richard Everard, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Tuesday after St. Peter's Chair, 21 Edw. III.

Fragment of the seal of the corporation of Wells.

291. 1346–7.—Defeasance by William de Littelton and Stephen de Hulle, clerks, of a feoffment by Richard de la More, burgess of Wells, of a yearly rent of 57*s.* 8*d.* arising out of a messuage in High street, Wells, on condition of a payment of 6*l.* at Michaelmas next and 6*l.* at Michaelmas following. Dated, Wells, Wednesday after St. Peter's Chair, 21 Edw. III.

Oval seal: within gothic tracery, a lion dormant beneath a tree.

292. 1347.—Bond by Robert Gyan of Northcory, son and heir of William Gyan, to Robert de Somerton, for 40*s.*, to be paid on Monday after St. Peter *ad vincula.* Witnesses: Matthew de Clyvedon, John atte Slo, Walter Caucy, [and

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others]. Dated, Northcory, Saturday after the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, 21 Edw. III.

Round seal: a hare riding on a dog, and blowing a horn; SOHOV ROBAN.

293. 1347.—Release by Roger le Kyng to Sir Nicholas de Pontesbury, his heirs and assigns, of a tenement in the street called Southovere, Wells, and the reversion of another tenement there, after the death of Laurence Calware. *Et quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum, sigillum commune communitatis ville Wellie presentibus apponi procuravi.* Witnesses: John le Bowyare, Thomas le Saltere, Henry Martel, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Thursday after the nativity of the Virgin, 21 Edw. III.

Seals: (1) A hand holding a falcon. Legend indecipherable. (2) Broken impression of the seal of the city of Wells.

294. 1348.—Release by Juliana, relict of William de Westbury, to John Fifhyde, perpetual vicar in the cathedral church of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of her right to a tenement in Southovere, next to that of the prior of St. John's, Wells. Witnesses: John Hychecok, Thomas Draycote, Richard Everard, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday, feast of St. Gregory, pope, 21 Edw. III.

295. 1348–9.—Grant by Richard Everard of Wells, executor of Agnes, relict of Henry de Wedmor, deceased, to John le Ropere, steward of the borough of Wells, Thomas le Saltere, and Thomas de Draycote, burgesses of Wells and the whole commonalty of the said borough, of a messuage in Grope-lane, which Agnes bought of Thomas le Devenyssche. Witnesses: John de Wyk, lord of Milton, Thomas Panes, John Bourne, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 24 Jan., 22 Edw. III.

Round seal: on a shield, a rose, in chief a crescent and a star and in base a bird. S. RICARDI EVERARD DE WELLES.

296. 1347–8.—Restoration by Ralph de Schupton, *motus conscientia*, to Margery wife of Robert Wayfer of Wyvelcslegh, of her share as co-heir in the inheritance of William de Meulesbergh, her father, in Meulesbergh, Wokyhol, and Knolle, which Ralph held on lease from the said Robert Wayfer. Dated, Wyvelcslegh, Thursday after the Purification, 22 Edw. III.

Fragment of seal: a fleur-de-lis.

297. 1347–8.—Grant by Margery, relict of Robert Wayfer of Wyvelcslegh, in her lawful widowhood, to Robert her son, his heirs and assigns, of all her inheritance after the death of William de Meulesbergh, her father, in Meulesbergh, Wokyhol, and Knolle, with the services of free tenants and villeins. Witnesses: Sir Robert Selyman, knt., William Kaylewey,

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John Tropenel, John de Milton, Hugh atte Chapele, [and others]. Dated, Wyveleslegh, Thursday, feast of St. Valentine, 22 Edw. III.

Pointed oval seal: a fleur-de-lis; S' MARGE' WAYFER.

298. 1347–8.—Confirmation by Robert Wayfer, son of Robert Wayfer of Wyveslegh, to Walter Bem of Mulverton, for life, of a tenement with land at Wokyhole, which his father Robert originally granted. Walter may take common for his hearths on Robert's hill [*mons*] but not for sale; he must maintain the houses, and may not assign; paying yearly 7*s.* for all service, except royal service, which he must do, and all other burdens due from the premises, and suit at Robert's court as often as it shall be held. If at Walter's death no sufficient live animal can be found on the tenement, 40*d.* shall be paid as a heriot. Witnesses: John de Wyke, Hugh atte Chapel, John Chamberlein, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Wednesday after St. Matthias, 22 Edw. III.

Round seal: two heads [?] with a quatrefoil flower between them; LOVE ME ANNEWE.

299. 1348.—Appointment by Margery Wayfer of Wyveles-leigh of Richard Everard and John de Melesbergh, to receive seisin of lands and tenements, rents, services of free men and villeins, etc., which Robert son of Robert Wayfer of Wyveleslegh granted to her for life. Dated, Wells, Monday before St. Michael, 22 Edw. III.

Fragment of seal, as no. 297.

300. 1348.—Grant by Hugh de Uppehulle, vicar in the cathedral church of Wells, to Master Walter de Hulle, arch-deacon of Bath, his heirs and assigns, of a tenement in Wells which Hugh had of the gift of Robert de Chidyngfold, late vicar, between the tenement of the abbat and convent of Muchelneye and that formerly of Sir Hugh de Lymyngton. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Rodeneye, Sir Walter de Pavele, knts., John le Boghiare, Thomas de Dracote, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Saturday, St. Luke's day, 22 Edw. III.

301. 1348.—Release by Hugh de Uppehulle, vicar in the cathedral church of Wells, to Master Walter de Hulle, archdeacon of Bath, his heirs and assigns, of his right to a tenement in the street of La Mounterye, Wells, [granted by no. 300]. Sealed with the seal of the grantor and also with the seal of the exchequer of the bishop of Bath and Wells, *quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum.* Witnesses as no. 300. Dated, Wells, Sunday after St. Luke, 22 Edw. III.

Round seal: a lion dormant beneath a tree.

302. 1348.—Grant by Juliana de Wauton to Sir Thomas Housebonde, chaplain, his heirs and assigns, of a rent of 3*s.*

paid by John Citoler for a messuage which he holds for life in the street called La Montorye, and also three messuages adjoining, and the reversion of the first-named messuage. Witnesses : John le Ropere, William le Lodere, Symon le Roo, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 17 November, 22 Edw. III.

Round seal: a pelican in her nest with three young.

303. 1348.—Licence in mortmain by Edward III to Ralph [de Shrewsbury], bishop of Bath and Wells, to grant a plot of ground belonging to the cathedral church of Wells and the bishop, lately granted to Master Alan de Hotham, canon, for his dwelling, and the houses thereon newly erected by the said bishop, as well as lands in Congresbury and Woky, to the vicars, they not having a common dwelling place [*mansio*]. Dated, Sandwich, 3 Dec., 22 Edw. III.

Imperfect impression of the sixth great seal of the king.

304. 1349.—Grant by Walter Portefer to John atte Sloo, Margery his wife, and John, their son, and the heirs and assigns of John atte Sloo, of a burgage and a half at La Nywportes, in the Hundred of Northcory. Witnesses : Thomas de Somerton, Thomas de Knapp, William Hacch, [and others]. Dated, La Nywportes, Tuesday after St. Alphege the archbishop, 23 Edw. III.

305. 1349.—Lease by Thomas de Sowy to Maude, relict of Sir Thomas Lercedekne, knt., and to Thomas her son, for the life of the lessor, of lands and tenements which he has by the grant of Robert Gyan of Northcory and John his son, in Chirlegh in the parish of Northcory, with a windmill, services of free tenants and villeins, etc., and with the reversion of the same lands, etc., at a rent of 8 marks for the first nine years, and 20*l.* yearly afterwards. Witnesses: Matthew de Clivdon, John atte Sloo, Walter le Eyr, [and others]. Dated, Chirlegh, Tuesday after St. Barnabas, 23 Edw. III, 1349.

306. 1349.—Grant by Agnes daughter of William de Melesburgh, relict of Ralph atte Wodenville, in her lawful widowhood, to Robert Wayfer, son of Robert Wayfer of Wilvesle, his heirs and assigns, of all lands, houses, services of free men and villeins, etc., which came to her on the death of her father in Melesbergh, Wokyhole and Knoll. Witnesses : Sir Robert Seliman, William Kaylewey, John Trepenel, John de Miltone, [and others]. Dated, Shipton Moygne, Saturday before St. Laurence, 23 Edw. III.

307. 1349.—Grant by Robert Gyan, son and heir of William Gyan of Northcory, to Masters William de Lutleton, John de Hywysch, and Stephen de Hulle, canons of Wells, and the heirs and assigns of Stephen, of a messuage and land in La Shortclyve, and of the rent payable by Thomas de Sowy for lands

and a windmill in Cherlegh, in the Hundred of Northcory, with the reversion of the same. Witnesses: Matthew de Clyvedon, John atte Sloo, Walter le Eyr, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Thursday after St. Lawrence, 23 Edw. III.

308. 1349.—Grant by Robert Wayfer to Agnes de Melesberwe, relict of Ralph de Schupton, for life, of a rent of 6*l.* payable out of all his lands and tenements in Melesberwe, with power of distress. Witnesses: Sir Robert Selyman, knt., Edmund Caylewey, John de Miltone, [and others]. Dated, Schupton, Thursday after St. Lawrence, 23 Edw. III.

Round seal, imperfect. In a pointed gothic quatrefoil a shield of arms; a bend cotised between six crosses crosslet fitchy; outside the shield are 3 owls. S' WALTE . . . FRISTON.

309. [1366–7.]—Copy of a writ *ad quod damnum*, addressed to John de Bekynton, escheator in Somerset, to inquire into the loss, if any, likely to arise by reason of a bequest by Walter de Cumpton, late burgess of Wells, of a burgage and 2 shops annexed, in High st., Wells, held of the bishop of Bath and Wells by the service of 3*s.*, and charged with the yearly payment of 8*s.* to the vicars of the cathedral church for an ancient anniversary in the said church; and also another burgage in the same street, near Jacobeswelle, held of the bishop by the service of 4*d.*, and charged with the yearly payment of 4*s.* to the vicar of the parish church of St. Cuthbert, Wells, for an ancient anniversary in his church. Dated, Westminster, Jan. 20. *See* vol. 1, pp. 368, 372.

310. [1329–63; ? 1347.]—Order by Ralph [de Shrewsbury], bishop of Bath and Wells, relating to grants to the Prior and Brethren of the House or Hospital of St. John in the city of Wells, for the celebration of masses for his soul. Dated, Wyvelescomb, 13 April, . . 21.

Memorandum of enrollment among the records of the court of augmentations by Matthias Coltehirste, auditor.

Mutilated.

311. [? 1345.]—Grant by John Gartone to Richard Mayn, for life, of houses and rents in Neweton Pleisi and Exton, Somerset, paying 12*l.* yearly for all service. Dated, Neweton Pleisi, Monday after the nativity [? of our Lord, Edw. III] 19.

French.

Mutilated.

Round seal: in a quatrefoil, a flower pot [?] with three flowers springing from it.

312. [? 1348.]—Grant by Robert de Chidyngfeld, vicar in the church of Wells, to Master Richard de Thistelden, treasurer of the church of Wells, and Sir Hugh de Oppehulle, vicar in the same church, their heirs and assigns, of the houses

which Robert inhabited in Wells, towards La Mounterie, between the house of the abbat of Muchelnye and that of Sir Hugh de Lymyngton. Witnesses: John Samuel, Roger de Estrete, Roger de Middelton, [and others]. *See* no. 300.

313. 1349–50.—Appointment by Thomas Fichet, knt., of Walter de Temedebury and Robert Wayfer, to deliver to Ralph [de Shrewsbury], bishop of Bath and Wells, seisin of all Thomas's tenements, etc., in Wells, and of his meadows, etc., Chaumberleyneshammes, upper and lower, in La Thele, in the parish of Wedmor. Dated, Wyvelescombe, St. Mathias day, 24 Edw. III.

Round seal; within tracery, a shield of arms, a lion rampant debruised by a bend; crest on a helmet and wreath, a bull's head. FIC . . . T.

314. 1350.—Grant by Richard le Bole, son and heir of Walter le Bole of Stathe, to Sir Robert Kytu, chaplain, and Hugh atte Wode, their heirs and assigns, of all his land, rents, services of free men and villeins, in Stathe and in the hundred of Northcory, with a windmill adjoining. Witnesses: John atte Sloo, Robert Gyan, Thomas Cnap, [and others]. Dated, Stoke St. Gregory, Sunday after St. Boniface, 24 Edw. III.

Round seal, a figure kneeling before [? St. Peter]; S'C'E PETRE ORA [PRO NO]B[IS].

315. 1350.—Grant by John de Wellislegh, son and heir of John de Wellislegh, knt., deceased, to John de Wellislegh, son of Waryn de Wellislegh, clerk, his heirs and assigns, of a yearly rent of 2*s.* out of a messuage in the street called Byeste[walle], which Lucy le Brewares and John her son hold for life by grant of the grantor's father, and the reversion after their deaths. Witnesses: Guy de Astyngton, Helias de Corscombe, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday before All Saints, 24 Edw. III.

316. 1350.—A duplicate of no. 315; *mutilated.*

317. 1350.—Release by John son and heir of Sir John de Welleslegh, knt., to John de Wellislegh, son of Waryn de Wellislegh the elder, of his right to the same rent. Dated, Wells, Monday, Feast of All Saints, 24 Edw. III, 1350.

Round seal: in a gothic border a shield, on a cross five escallops. Crest on a helmet and mantling, a griffin's head [?] crowned [?]. S' JOH'IS DE WELLESLEYE.

318. 1350.—Duplicate of no. 317.

319. 1350–1.—Notification by Robert Gyene of Northcory, that he appeared before Robert de Brydeport, mayor of Exeter, and John de Cory, clerk of the king for the recognizances of debtors in the same city, and acknowledged himself bound

to Masters William de Litelton and Stephen de Hulle, canons of Wells, in 20 marks. Dated, Exeter, 11 [?] Jan., 24 Edw. III.

320. 1351.—Agreement between Ralph [de Shrewsbury], bishop of Bath and Wells, the dean and chapter of the same, on one part, and Walter [de Monyton], abbat of Glastingburs, and the convent, on the other part, settling disputes as to the bounds of Landsherlegh and Bacchyngwere, and giving the boundaries in detail. The bishop and the abbat may each make a weir for catching fish [*un gortz pur pesson prendre*]. Dated, Woky, Monday after the nativity of St. John Baptist, 25 Edw. III. *French.*

Small fragments of two large seals.

321. 1351.—Grant by John de Carleton, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Robert Truyt and Margery his wife, for their lives, of a tenement which the grantors have of the gift of William de Bath the younger, vicar in the cathedral church, situate in Chamberlain st., Wells, together with a curtilage on the south side of the said tenement, which John Garselade and Joan his wife formerly held for their lives; paying yearly to the grantors 16*s.* 8*d.* for all service. Witnesses: Elias de Corscombe, Walter de Temedebury, John le Ropere, [and others]. Dated, Chapterhouse, Wells, Saturday after Corpus Christi, 1351.

Oval seal, imperfect: St. Katherine with her wheel, in a niche; legend uncertain.

322. 1351.—Release by Roesia Calf, relict of John de Welleslegh, knt., to Master Walter de Hull, clerk, canon of the church of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of her right in the name of dower in all lands, tenements, &c., in Welleslegh, Dultecote, and Eston, in co. Somerset. Sealed with the seal of the grantor and also with that of John, archbishop of Dublin, *quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum.* Dated, Wednesday, octave of SS. Peter and Paul, 25 Edw. III.

Two round seals. (1) A shield, within a cusped border: three calves passant in pale dimidiated with a cross charged with five escallops; S' ROESIE DE WELLESLEYE. (2) In the centre of very elaborate gothic tracery, a lion dormant. SIGILLVM JOHANNIS DE SANCTO PAVLO CLERICI.

323. 1352.—Licence in mortmain by Edward III to Master Thomas de Bocton and William de Cammell, to grant to Ralph [de Shrewsbury], bishop of Bath and Wells, messuages, lands and rents in Welleslegh, Doultecote and Eston, so that the said bishop may grant the same to the vicars of the cathedral church of Wells, to celebrate daily in the church of St. Andrew, Wells, for the good estate of the bishop, Walter de Hulle, archdeacon of Bath, and the said Thomas and William, while they live, and for their souls when they die, and for

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the souls of their fathers and mothers, their ancestors and benefactors, and all faithful departed. Saving all services to the chief lords. Dated, Windsor, 24 Aug., 26 Edw. III. For 100*s.* paid in the hanaper.

Imperfect impression of the sixth great seal of the king.

324. 1352.—Release by John de Welleslegh, son and heir of John de Welleslegh, knt., to Margery, relict of Peter le Monyer of Wells, her heirs and assigns, of all right to all rents, reversions, &c., in Wells. The names of the tenants are given, and include William de Sutton, master of the schools, for a messuage, and John Hywysch, canon of Wells, for a messuage called the Canons' Grange. Sealed with the seal of the grantor, and also with the common seal of the borough of Wells *quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum.* Witnesses: Walter de Rodeneye, John de Palton, knts., John de Combe, bailiff of the liberty of Wells, Walter de Compton, steward of the borough of Wells, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Thursday after the nativity of Blessed Mary, 26 Edw. III.

Round seal, as no. 317.

325. 1352.—Grant by Robert Boret and Juliana his wife to Adam de Tetteburne and Alice his wife, and their assigns, for the life of Juliana, of one third of a messuage in Wells, which Juliana holds in dower of the gift of Walter de Cheleworth, her late husband. Witnesses: Walter de Tempdebury, Guy de Astyngton, John le Ropere, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Sunday before St. Faith, 26 Edw. III.

Round seal: in a double quatrefoil, a lion dormant. s' ROBERTI LE CHAVMBERLEYN.

326. 1352.—Grant by Stephen de Hulle, canon of the church of St. Andrew, Wells, to Robert atte Berne of Churlegh, Alice his wife, and John their son, for their lives, of a yearly rent of 2*s.*, arising out of a messuage which Agnes Eketon holds for life at Churlegh in North Cory, together with the reversion of the same, and a curtilage adjacent in Churlegh; paying yearly 2*s.* and a capon at Michaelmas, for all service. Witnesses: John atte Sloo, Thomas de Cnapp, William de Hacch, [and others]. Dated, Northcory, Sunday after Michaelmas, 27 Edw. III.

327. 1353.—Release by Elizabeth, relict of John de Wellesleye, knt., to the vicars of St. Andrew in the cathedral church, Wells, living together in the new work [made] by the bishop of Bath and Wells, and taking meals [*reficientibus*] in their common hall, of all right to all lands, etc., of her late husband in Wellesleye near Wells, by way of dower or otherwise. Sealed with the seal of the grantor, and also with the seal of Richard, bishop of Ossory, *quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum.* Dated, Le Naas, 12 Dec., 1353.

Fragment of seal.

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328. 1353–4.—Grant by William Yweyn of Modeforde to Nicholas Curteys, called Lokyar, Clarice his wife and Thomas their son, for their lives, of a messuage in Southover, Wells, rent 10*s*. Witnesses: Nicholas Fykeys, John de Hamme, William Wynd, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Purification of Blessed Mary, 28 Edw. III *intrante*.

Round seal: within a gothic border, the Virgin Mary and Child with a suppliant before her.

329. 1353–4.—Appointment by Ralph [de Shrewsbury], bishop of Bath and Wells, of Hugh de Remyngton to receive seisin of all lands and tenements, etc., which John de Welleslegh, John le Carpenter, Robert le Marlere and William Fraunkeleyn hold in Welleslegh, Doultecote and Eston, for their lives, together with the reversion thereof, which we have of the gift of Master Thomas de Bokton and William de Cammel. Dated, Wyvelescombe, 26 Feb., 28 Edw. III.

Pointed oval seal, bearing under a canopied arch, a figure of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Child; in a side niche on the left a figure of St. Peter with his keys, overhead a star; the corresponding niche on the right is destroyed. In base, under an arch, a kneeling figure of the bishop.

330. 1353–4.—Grant by Thomas de Bokton and William de Cammel to Ralph [de Shrewsbury], bishop of Bath and Wells, of all lands and tenements, etc., which they have of the gift of Master Walter de Hulle, archdeacon of Bath, in Welleslegh, Doultecote, and Eston, etc. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Pavely, Sir Walter de Rodeneye, knts., Robert Wayfer, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 27 Feb., 28 Edw. III.

Two round seals: (1) St. Peter with a book and key, under a canopy in a shrine; in the base a kneeling figure, and a shield of arms; three bucks' heads cabossed; S' THOME DE [BOK]TON. (2) In a quatrefoil, three small flowers springing from a human heart; in base the initial letter W.

331. 1354.—Inspeximus by John de Iford, prior of the cathedral church, Bath, and the chapter or convent, of a charter of Ralph [de Shrewsbury], bishop of Bath and Wells, granting to the vicars of the cathedral church of Wells, dwelling together in the new building erected by the said bishop, and taking meals [*reficientibus*] in the common hall of the said building, and their successors, certain messuages and lands and rents in Wellesleigh, Doultecote, and Eston, lately in the seisin of Master Walter de Hulle, late archdeacon of Bath. Certain services are to be performed by them in the cathedral at the altar of Corpus Christi, where the body of the said Walter lies, &c. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Rodeneye, Sir Walter de Paveley, knts., John de Somerton, [and others]; dated, Wyveliscomb, 17 April, 1354. Dated, Chapterhouse, Bath, 20 April, 1354.

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Common seal of Bath priory, oval, fragmentary; on a diapered ground two figures holding a church under a canopy. Underneath, three figures under an arcade.

332. 1354.—Grant by John de Carleton, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Master Stephen de Hulle, canon of Wells, for life, of houses in Chaumberlaynstrete, Wells; he finding two large wax candles to burn at the elevation of the Host daily at the greater altar in the cathedral choir, and paying 40*d.* yearly to the prior of the chapel of Blessed Mary behind the said altar, for all service. Dated, Wells, 2 May, 1354.

333. 1354.—Grant by Ralph [de Shrewsbury], bishop of Bath and Wells, to John de Farlegh and Joan his wife, for their lives, of a plot of land built on in High st., Wells, to the east of that fabric sometime of Master William le Ferour, paying yearly 6*d.* for all service; reversion to the bishop and his successors. Witnesses: Walter de Temedebury, Henry de Sudbury, Robert Wayfere, [and others]. Dated, Banewell, 17 August, 28 Edw. III.

Fragment of seal, pointed oval; the bishop full length, on a corbel; in the field on the left, a key.

334. 1334. Inspeximus and confirmation by John, the prior, and the convent of Bath, of no. 333. Dated, Chapter-house, Bath, 21 Aug., 1354.

Fragment of the seal of Bath Priory.

335. 1354.—Release by John le Frye, son and heir of John le Frye of Hornyngdon, to John son of Waryne de Welleslegh the elder, his heirs and assigns, of all right to two messuages in the south side of the street of Biestewalles, Wells, and to the reversion of a rent of 3*d.* for the same. Witnesses: Guy de Astyngton, Robert Brente, Richard Prentiz, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday after St. Andrew, 28 Edw. III.

Round seal; a figure of St. Katherine, between two trees; SANCTA KATERINA.

336. 1355.—Release by Margery, relict of Peter le Monir, burgess of Wells, in her lawful widowhood, to John Aunger, canon of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of all right to messuages, etc., in Monierslane, Wells, with rents and reversions, which she lately gave to the said Sir John. Witnesses: Walter de Temedebury, Richard Stoweye, Thomas Draycote, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Sunday, after Michaelmas, 29 Edw. III.

337. 1355.—Release by Richard Bole of Northcory to Master Stephen de Hulle, his heirs and assigns, of all right to all lands and tenements which Stephen held of him in Cherleghe and elsewhere in the hundred of Northcory and

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the lordship of Stathe, with the yearly rent of 2*s.* paid hitherto by the said Stephen, and to land in Schorteelyve, with the rents of his tenants at Wodebreche, and the reversions thereof. Witnesses: John atte Sloo, Walter Caucy, William Haeche, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Tuesday after Michaelmas, 29 Edw. III.

Round seal: a stag's head cabossed, with a cross between the horns; TIME[TE DEV]M.

338. 1355–6.—Lease by John de Hywyssh, canon of Wells, to Thomas le Bogher [?], and Felicia his wife, for their lives, of a messuage with a furnace [*fornax*] in Grope lane, Wells; paying yearly 18*s.* for all service; they are not to assign without license. Witnesses: Richard de Stowweye [?], steward of the borough of Wells, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 7 January, 29 Edw. III.

Round seal; an eagle preying on a bird. [ALAS] IE SV PR[IS].

339. 1362–3.—Release by William de Chelworth, son and heir of William Chelworth, to Margery relict of Walter de Compton, Margery Moners, and Sir William Lolloe, chaplain, executors of the above Walter, their heirs and assigns, of all right to a burgage with shops [*celdis*] annexed, in High st., Wells, and to another burgage opposite Jacobs Wille. Witnesses: John Langelond, William Coker, Walter Temptebury, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Tuesday the eve of Peter's Chair, 37 Edw. III.

Round seal, broken; two figures holding a branch. Legend uncertain.

340. 1356.—Grant by Thomas son of William le Smyth of Wells to Margery le Moniour, her heirs and assigns, of a toft in Torre Lane, Wells. Witnesses: John le Ropere, Thomas Dreycote, Nicholas Fykeys, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday [?] before Nativity of B.M.V., 30 Edw. III.

Oval seal; a figure of St. John the Baptist holding a seroll, inscribed JOH[ANNES EST NO]MEN EJVS.

341. 1356.—Grant by Stephen de Hulle, canon of Wells, to Thomas de Draicote, burgess of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of a messuage in High st., Wells, next to a tenement of the prior of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist. Sealed with the seal of the grantor, and also with the common seal of the borough of Wells, *quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum.* Witnesses: Richard de Stoweye, steward of the borough, Richard Everard, Robert Wayfer, [and 19 others]. Dated Wells, Monday after the Annunciation, 30 Edw. III.

Imperfect seal of the city.

342. 1356.—Appointment by Stephen de Hulle, canon of Wells, of Richard Everard to deliver to Thomas de Draycote

seisin of a messuage in High st., Wells. Witnesses: Robert Wayfer, Richard Everard, John le Ropere, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday after the Annunciation, 30 Edw. III.

343. 1356.—Release by Edith Orum, relict of Richard Manewrenche of Wells, in her lawful widowhood, to Thomas Or[um], her son, of all right to a messuage in Byestwall, and 4 cottages under one roof in La Mountereye, Wells, formerly of the said Richard while he lived. Witnesses: Guy de Astington, Richard Prentiz, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Sunday after nativity of St. John Baptist, 30 Edw. III.

344. 1356.—Grant by Nicholas de Pontesbury to Robert de Pontesbury, his heirs and assigns, of a tenement in Southovere, Wells, near the house of the prior of the Hospital of St. John, which the grantor had of John Vyfhyde, vicar of the church of Wells; also of a messuage and land there. Witnesses: Walter de Cumpton, Richard Everard, John Hamme, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday after St. Calixtus, 30 Edw. III.

Round seal; in a quatrefoil the Annunciation of the Virgin [?].

345. 1356.—Release by Michael le Kyng, son of the late John le Kyng of Wells, to Sir Nicholas de Pontesbury and Robert de Pontesbury, and their heirs, of all right to two tenements in Southovere, Wells. Witnesses: Walter de Temedebury, Walter Compton, John le Ropere, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Thursday, Conception of Blessed Mary, 1356, 30 Edw. III.

Small round seal; a ship, with mast, yard, and castles. S' W' DE LETRYE.

346. 1357.—Acquittance by Hugh Pelegrini, treasurer of Lichfield, nuncio of the apostolic see in England, to the dean and chapter of Wells, for 14*s.* due for the 5th and 6th years of his procuration. Dated, London, 26 April, 1357.

Fragments of the official seal, pointed oval; a seated figure holding a book, in a niche, in base under an arch, a shield of arms, three bars gemelles.

347. 1357.—Acquittance by Richard de Carleton, canon of Wells, sub-collector in the jurisdiction of the dean of Wells, of the procurations of the cardinals Talairand de Albano and Nicholas de St. Vitale, nuncios of the apostolic see in England, to the dean and chapter of Wells, for 8*l.* 19*s.* 7¾*d.* Dated, Wells, 1 July, 1357.

Fragment of a round seal; a figure kneeling before a saint laying his hand upon his head.

348. 1357.—Inspeximus by John de Carleton, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, of a demise by Ralph [de Shrewsbury],

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bishop of Bath and Wells, to John de Cherde, Joan his first [*sic*] wife, and John Deuyas, for their lives, of a curtilage which Robert le Saillour formerly held in Bath, in the corner leading towards the Bath of the Cross [*in angulo quo itur versus balneum crucis*] between a tenement of the Hospital of St. Mary Magdalene, which John Joliff holds on the north, and the king's highway leading toward the Bath of the Cross on the south ; paying yearly 12*d.* for all service. Witnesses : Walter le Carpenter, then mayor of Bath, William Kubbel, Thomas Stote, [and others] ; dated at Bath, Wednesday after St. Faith, 28 Edw. III.

Confirmed in the Chapterhouse at Wells, Saturday the morrow of Michaelmas, 1357.

349. 1357.—Bond by the chapter of Wells to Master John de Carleton, dean of Wells, in 20*l.*, lent by him towards the fabric of the cathedral church ; they bind all their common goods, and pledge a golden chalice as further security, which they have delivered to him. Dated, Chapterhouse, viii kal. Dec., 1357.

350. 1357–8.—Acquittance by Hugh Pelegrini, treasurer of Lichfield, to the dean and chapter of Wells, for 7*s.* for the seventh year of his proctorate in England. Dated, London, 8 Feb., 1357.

Fragments of a pointed oval seal, a figure under a canopy.

351. 1358.—Inspeximus by John de Mohoun, lord of Dunsterre, of a release by his grandfather, John de Mohun, knt., to John de Godelee, dean of St. Andrew's, Wells, and the chapter, of all right to the lordship, rent and service of all lands, etc., in Bykenalre, and Stokgomer, &c. Witnesses : John de Clyvedon, John de Erlee, Hugh de Langlond, [and others]. Dated, Dunsterre, Sunday after St. John *ante portam Latinam*, 1330, 4 Edw. III.

Witnesses : Sir John de Ralee, Sir Edward Stradlyng, knts., Thomas de Ralee, [and others]. Dated, Dunsterre, 8 April, 32 Edw. III.

352. 1358.—Grant by Richard Bole of Northcory to Masters Hugh de Monyngton, William de Cammel, and Adam Trewelove, canons of St. Andrew's, Wells, their heirs and assigns, of all lands and tenements lately held of him by Master Stephen de Hulle in Churleghe and elsewhere, in the hundred of Northcory and the lordship of Stathe, the rent of 2*s.* which Stephen used to pay, and lands in Schorteclyve. Witnesses : Sir Edmund de Clyvedon, Sir John de Clyvedon, Sir Richard de Acton, knts., [and others]. Dated, Northcory, Sunday, the morrow of St. Faith, 32 Edw. III.

Seal as no. 337.

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353. 1358.—Duplicate of no. 352. In bad condition. Seal as no. 352.

354. 1358.—Grant by the dean and chapter of Wells to Guy de Astyngton and Agnes his wife, for their lives, of a messuage in Byestwalles, Wells, paying 7*s.* yearly to the grantors and 12*d.* to the Prior of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist at Wells, for all service; successive remainders for life to Walter, John, Isabel, Margery and Edith, children of the said Guy. Witnesses: Walter de Temetebury, Adam de Tettebornе, Richard de Stawaye, [and others]. Dated, Chapterhouse Sunday, St. Simon and St. Jude, 32 Edw. III.

355. 1360.—Grant by Thomas Wayfer, brother and heir of Robert Wayfer, late lord of Melesberwe, to Joan relict of the same Robert, for life, in satisfaction of her dower, of 9½ acres of meadow in Pouleshamesmede, and 4 acres of meadow called Inhokesmede, and 4 acres of meadow in Knollemede, and a yearly rent of 8*s.* arising out of all Robert's lands and tenements in Welles, Melesberwe, Woky, Knolle, and Wokyhole, with power of distress. Witnesses: Walter de Temedebury, Walter de Compton, John le Ropere, Richard de Stoweye, Alan le Lodere, Walter de Milton, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday, St. Margaret, Virgin, 34 Edw. III.

Round seal; a figure of St. Lawrence [?], holding a gridiron [?], between two boughs or trees. Legend indecipherable.

356. 1360.—Agreement between John son of Waryne de Wellesleigh the elder and Guy de Astyngton, with regard to the party-wall of their messuages in Byestewalles. Witnesses: John atte Stone, Thomas Orum, John Coke, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 30 April, 34 Edw. III.

Round seal, imperfect; a lion dormant; [ICI] DORT LE LEOVN [FORT].

357. 1360.—Lease by John de Chidiok, knt., to John de Jevelton, burgess of Wells, and Feniana his wife, for their lives, of a messuage and land in Wells; rent 14*s.* Witnesses: Walter Cumpton, Thomas Mertoke, John Smoggere, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Wednesday after Christmas, 34 Edw. III.

358. 1361.—Grant by William de Byngham to Walter Compton of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of a rent of 1*d.* yearly, paid by Alice, relict of Adam Tettebourn, called Monyour, for a burgage with two shops [*selda*] in High st., Wells, and the reversion therein and in other lands, after her death, which William has by feoffment from William son and heir of William de Cheleworth, and also a burgage opposite Jacobbiswyl. Witnesses: Walter Temptebury, Thomas Mertok of Wells, Thomas Draycote, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Thursday before St. Kalixtus, pope, 35 Edw. III.

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Seal, broken; within tracery, a shield of arms, ermine, on a chief three lions rampant; S[IG' W]ILLELMI DE BYNGHAM.

359. 1361–2.—Grant by Thomas Orum, executor of the will of John de Axebrugge, to Nicholas de Iford, canon of Wells, Sir John Spaldyng, vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Sir Giles, rector of Norton, and John Knight of Chewton, their heirs and assigns, of a tenement in Isakesmede in Froggelane, Wells. Witnesses: Walter Tentebury, Thomas Phelipes, Richard Stoweye, Nicholas Fikeis, and Richard Prentys Dated, Wells, Thursday before St. Gregory, pope, 36 Edw. III.

Round seal; a lion dormant on a rose of six leaves; CI REPO[SA LE LI]VN SVR L[A ROSA].

360. 1362.—Receipt by Piers de Oxenford and Agnes his wife, late wife of John de Heyron of Enefeld, of a quarter's rent, from John de Garton, viz. 5 marks up to Easter term, being part of a yearly rent of 20 marks for tenements in Newton Pleci, Somerset, and Enefeld, Middlesex. Dated, Halywell . . . after Easter, 36 Edw. III. *French.*

Two round seals: (1) a lion dormant beneath a tree; ICI DORT LE LIVN FORT. (2) A shield of arms; a bend cotised, between six lions, impaling a maunch. Legend indecipherable.

361. 1362.—Grant by John atte Slape to Sir Henry Heghelm, perpetual vicar of Woky, his heirs and assigns, of a tenement in Woky, and a rent of 1*d.* from a tenement where John Pati dwells. Witnesses: John atte Chapele, John Hamme, Richard atte Castell, Richard Prentys, and William Frankeleyn. Dated, Woky, Tuesday after the Invention of Holy Cross, 36 Edw. III.

Oval seal; within a gothic border, a figure of St. Katherine with her wheel. Legend indecipherable.

362. 1362.—Receipt by Piers de Oxenford and Agnes his wife, formerly wife of John Hayron of Enefeld, for 5 marks rent *et deux charettes de feyn* from John de Garton, mercer of London, kinsman and heir of the said John Hayron, in part payment of 20 marks and 2 loads of hay due yearly to Agnes for life, for certain tenements at Newton Plecy in Somerset and at Enefeld in Middlesex. Dated, Haliwell near London, Saturday after the nativity of St. John Baptist, 36 Edw. III. *French.*

Two round seals; (1) a shield of arms, destroyed. (2) a shield of arms, a bend cotised between six lions, impaling a maunch.

363. 1362.—Lease by John Boye [?] of Gorscombe [?] and Maude his wife to William Muleward of Dynre, and his assigns, of a moiety of the profits of the water corn mill in

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Dynre, during the life of the lessors ; rent 13*s.* 4*d.* Witnesses : James de Wodeforde, Richard Prentys, John Aschwyke, [and others]. Dated, Dynre, Sunday after Michaelmas, 36 Edw. III.

364. 1363.—Release by Margery, relict of Walter de Compton, to Sir William Lullok, chaplain, his heir and assigns, of the two burgages mentioned in no. 365. Witnesses : John Langheland, William Coker, Thomas Merton, [and others]. Dated, Friday after St. Ambrose, Confessor, 37 Edw. III.

Round seal ; a merchant's mark ; S' IACOBI DE LA HONE [?].

365. 1363.—Release by Margery, relict of Walter de Compton, to Sir William Lullock, chaplain, his heirs and assigns, of all her right and claim to a burgage in High st., Wells, and to another burgage opposite Jacobbeswulle. Witnesses : John Langhelonde, William Coker, Walter Temedebury, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday before the nativity of St. John Baptist, 37 Edw. III.

366. 1361.—Will of John de Hywysch, canon of Wells. He desires his body to be buried in the church of St. Andrew, before the fair [*speciosa*] image of the Holy Virgin Mary at the door of the choir. He bequeaths to God and Blessed Andrew 20*s.* from his houses in Gropelane, on the north side of the houses of the prior of the Hospital of St. John at Wells, which extend towards the High street at the corner of Gropelane, for distribution in the choir among the canons, vicars, and other ministers, yearly on the day of his anniversary. He bequeaths 12*d.* to the sacrist for ringing his knell [*classico*] with all the bells. He bequeaths 10*s.* yearly out of the said houses for a procession before the image of the Virgin at the door of the choir on the eve of her Nativity, according to the form written in the martyrology. He bequeaths to the chaplain celebrating for the souls of John de Drokenesford, sometime bishop of Bath, and his successors, of Adam Fisher, [*piscator*] and Alice and Odilia his wives, and of Sir William, son of the same, of William de Hywysch, of Jolenta [?], John, William and John, children of Cicely, 64*s.* 10*d.* out of his houses in High street by La Horslane and on La Pole and a croft by the churchyard of St. Thomas, and a place by the mill in la Mullelane. He bequeaths to Sir William de Codeworth his best silver cup with the cover enamelled [*dealmato*] on the pomell, and the residue to him, to be disposed of for the souls of testator and his benefactors ; said William sole executor. Dated, Tuesday after St. James the Apostle, 1361.

Note of probate of the will of Sir John de Hywysh, canon of Wells and rector of Ermyngton in the diocese of Exeter, 27 Aug., 1363.

367. 1364.—Lease by the dean and chapter of Wells to John Webbe and Agnes Leve his wife, for their lives, of a

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tenement in Torre lane, Wells; rent 6*s.* 8*d.* Witnesses: John atte Stone, John Kyngesbury, John Deneman, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Sunday, the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, 38 Edw. III.

Round seal, broken; within Gothic tracery, a shield of arms, charges uncertain. . . . ORSYNGTONE.

368. 1365.—Lease by Margery Moniers of Wells, widow, to Nicholas Bakere of Wells and Margaret his wife, for their lives, of a tenement in Monierslane, and a bakehouse and oven, and a house called "bultynghous," and a cottage in the same lane; rent 26*s.* Witnesses: Walter Temedebury, Walter Bakere, Richard Notarie, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Friday after SS. Peter and Paul, 39 Edw. III.

369. [1365–72.]—Lease by the dean and chapter of Wells to John Stone, mason, of Wells, and Juliana his wife, of houses in Wells towards La Newestrete, for their lives; rent 13*s.* 4*d.* Witnesses: Sir William de Cammel, precentor, John de Horsyngton, chancellor, Nicholas de Pontesbury, subdean, Richard Carleton, Nicholas Iforde, and others, canons. Dated, in the Chapterhouse, Wells, Monday the feast of the Annunciation, . . .

Indorsed De tenemento Johannis Stone, cementarii.

Injured by damp.

370. 1365–6.—Permission by John [Barnet], bishop of Bath and Wells, to the dean and chapter of Wells, to hold a burgage and two shops in High st., and a burgage near Jacobeswelle, left to them by the late Walter de Compton for an anniversary; reserving all rents and services due to the bishop. Dated, 10 Jan., 13[66], 3rd year of the bishop.

Fragments of the pointed oval seal of the bishop, shewing a canopy only, part of the platform, and the drapery of a figure.

371. 1366.—Lease by John Aunger, canon of Wells, to Thomas Paunton, barber, of Wells, and Joan his wife, for their lives, of a messuage in Aungiers Lane, Wells; rent 5*s.* Witnesses: Walter Baker, Nicholas Baker, William Chaumberlayn, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Thursday, the feast of St. Vincent, martyr, 39 Edw. III.

Round seal; a griffin passant. Legend indecipherable.

372. 1366.—Lease by Anneis, widow of John Heyron, to John de Garton, mercer of London, kinsman and heir of the said John Heyron, of all lands and tenements which she holds in dower, in Newcton Pleci, Exton, or elsewhere in Somerset, he paying her for her life 10 marks yearly at Haliwell, near London. Witnesses: Humfrey de Bohun, earl of Hereford, William de Bohun, earl of Northampton, John de Facomberg,

knt., [and others]. Dated, Weymonster, Saturday after St. Ambrose, 40 Edw. III. *French.*

373. 1266.—Assignment by John, prior of Worspring, of the Order of St. Victor, and the college or convent of the same, to the subdean of Wells, of an annuity of 53*s.* 4*d.* for the support of a chaplain and lights, for a commemoration of William de Wethamstede, provost of Cumba, and Alexander de Bamfeld, canons of Wells. Dated in the Chapterhouse of Worspring, 17 kal. Sept., 1266. Sealed with our seal, and those of Walter [Gifford], bishop of Bath and Wells, and of the officiality.

(No seals remain.)

374. 1366–7.—Inquisition taken at Wells, Feb. 8, 41 Edw. III, by John de Bekynton, escheator of the county, and a jury, who say that it is not to the damage of the king or anyone else if he grants the prayer of the dean and chapter that they may hold to them and their successors for ever, a burgage and two shops annexed to it in High st., Wells, and a burgage in the same street near Jacobeswell, which Walter de Compton, late burgess of the same town, left to them by his last will; the former property is charged with an annuity of 8*s.* to the vicars of the cathedral, and the latter with one of 4*s.* to the vicar of St. Cuthbert's. The whole are worth 4*l.* yearly, and are held of the bishop of Bath and Wells by a rent of 3*s.* 4*d.* for all service, and he holds of the king in chief by military service.

375. 1367.—Grant by Master Stephen Penpel, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, to John Wayfer of Glastonbury, of the office of proctor [*procurator*] of the fabric of the church of Wells, to seek and receive gifts and legacies below the sum of 6*s.* 8*d.*, made towards the maintenanec of the fabric of the cathedral, for the term of his life, for which office he shall pay yearly to the dean and chapter 20*l.* Dated, the Chapterhouse, the nativity of St. John Baptist, 1367.

376. 1367.—Grant by Stephen Penpel, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Henry Bouedich and Joan his wife, for their lives, of the moiety of a cellar within the tenement where the same Henry lives in Wells, rent 40*s.*; together with a shop adjoining the tenement, now ruinous, which they are to rebuild, rent 13*s.* 4*d.* Dated, the Chapterhouse, Monday, the eve of St. Lawrence, 1367.

377. 1367.—Indenture whereby William Bamforde, citizen and clothier of London, is bound to Simon [de Sudbury], bishop of London, in 60*l.*, to be void if William and Alice his wife build or cause to be built at their own expense, within three years, *unum solarium cum una getee super solarium jam constructum*, in a tenement leased to William and Alice by

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the bishop and the dean and chapter of St. Paul's, London, in the parish of St. Peter's, Cornhill. Dated, London, 18 Nov., 41 Edw. III.

Round seal; a human heart with four slipped quatrefoils springing from it, upon the branches a bird. Legend indecipherable.

378. 1367.—Lease by John Aunger, canon of Wells, to John Coch, carpenter, and Edith his wife, for their lives, of a messuage in my lane newly called Aungereslane, Wells; rent 5*s*. Witnesses: Walter Temedebury, Walter Baker, John Jevelton, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Friday, Christmas Eve, 41 Edw. III.

Round seal; a standing figure, holding a gridiron; SAVNT LAVREN. . . .

379. 1368.—Grant by Michael de Edeston, to William his eldest son, for his life, of a messuage in Edeston, paying a rose at the feast of St. John Baptist, for all service. Witnesses: John Willamess, Robert Streech, [and others]. Dated, Edeston, Palm Sunday, 42 Edw. III.

380. 1368.—Receipt by Master Stephen Penpel, dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Sir William Gamel, precentor, Robert Samborne, John Lombard, and William Derby, canons of the cathedral church, executors of the testament of Ralph [de Shrewsbury], bishop of Bath and Wells, for a missal with notes for the high altar, a pair of white vestments, with all the furniture [*cum toto apparatu*] for the use of the chapel of the Blessed Mary in the same cathedral, and 10*l*. for the fabric of the same, bequeathed by the said bishop, and for three copes of red *camaka*, a chasuble, a dalmatic and many other vestments, &c., borrowed by the said bishop; and a general release from all actions. Dated, Chapterhouse, Thursday after St. Mark, 1368, 42 Edw. III.

Seals: (1) Fragment, round; with tracery; . . . E SANCTO. (2) Round seal, bearing figures of St. Thomas and St. Katherine, under canopies. In the base under an arch a kneeling figure. S' ROB'TI : DE : SAMBORN.

381. 1366.—Acquittance by Margery le Moniers, widow of Peter le Monier, to John Aunger, canon of Wells, of 20 marks, in part payment of 100*l*. due on a bond. Dated, Wells, Monday, St. Andrew's day, 40 Edw. III.

Seal as no. 384.

382. 1369–70.—Grant by John Aunger, canon of Wells, to Master Stephen Penpel, dean of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of all his messuages, cottages, &c., in Moniereslane, Wells, and certain rents in the same city, with reversions. Witnesses: John Langlond, William Coker, John Ropere, [and others] Dated, Wells, Friday after Epiphany, 43 Edw. III.

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Oval seal; a figure kneeling before the Blessed Virgin and Child. MARIA FVNDE PRECES PRO JOHANNE.

383. 1369–70.—Appointment by John Aunger, canon of Wells, of Stephen le Eye and John Moder, chaplains, to give seisin to Master Stephen Penpel, dean of Wells, of all messuages, etc., in la Moniersslane, Wells, Dated, Wells, Saturday after the Epiphany, 43 Edw, III.

Seal as in no. 382.

384. 1369–70.—General release by Margery Moniers of Wells, widow, to Master Stephen Penpel, dean of Wells, of all actions, &c. Witnesses: Thomas Felpes, John Ropere, Nicholas Cristesham, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Wednesday after St. Matthias, 44 Edw. III.

Round seal; in a quatrefoil, a pelican in her piety. S' MARGERIE MONYERS.

385. 1307.—Dimission by Master Henry de Derby, *administrator spiritualis Cantuariensis a sede apostolica deputatus* for Robert [de Winchelsea], archbishop of Canterbury, of the sequestration of a yearly payment of 50*s.* due to the abbat and convent of Glastonbury from the church of Pokelechirch, diocese of Worcester, laid upon the said abbey by Robert, archbishop of Canterbury. With recital of deeds appointing the administrator, &c.; and at the foot the notarial attestation of Alan de Bayton, clerk, *Herefordensis dyocesis sacri Romani Imperii auctoritate, notarius publicus.* Dated, Church of Blessed Mary of Aldermanbury, London, Friday, 18 kal. Maii, 1307.

Oval seal; an antique gem, mounted; a bust in profile to the right, crowned with laurel. H. DE. D. CAPITI. . . .

386. 1370.—Grant by John Porter, rector of Elleworthy, to William Bykewille and Agnes his wife, and the heirs and assigns of William, of all his lands and tenements in Bykenalre, which he has of the feoffment of the said William. Witnesses: John Roch, Symon Bre, Adam Pavely, William Pavely, [and others]. Dated, Bykenalre, Sunday after St. Pancras, 44 Edw. III.

387. 1370.—Grant by Robert atte Fenne, son and heir of Walter atte Fenne of the parish of Mertok, to Roger atte Fenne and John Benet, chaplains, their heirs and assigns, of all his lands and tenements at La Fenne in Mertok. Witnesses: Walter de Wydecomb, John Burey, Lawrence Geffray, John Molyns, [and others]. Dated, La Fenne, Wednesday after St. Matthew, apostle, 44 Edw. III.

388. 1370.—Grant by John Schyrewold, son and heir of Reynold Schyrewold of Lauwerlegh, to Sir Robert Cotel, chaplain, his heirs and assigns, of all his lands and tenements at Lanwerlegh and Stykelyngh in the parish of Wespenard,

which I have after the deaths of Reynold and Henry Schyrwold, my father and uncle [*avunculus*]. Witnesses: Thomas Cotel, John Wayfer, and John Thomer. Dated at Wespennard, Sunday, the feast of St. Faith the Virgin, 44 Edw. III.

Pointed oval seal; an eagle to the sinister between a star in chief and a crescent in base. S' JOH'E FILIE . . .

389. 1370.—Indenture whereby Nicholas de Pontesbury, subdean of Wells, receives from Richard Brere and John Stawill, vicars, tenements in Southovere, Wells, on condition of certain payments and distributions in connection with the celebration of services for their commemoration, in the chapel of All Saints near the cloister. Witnesses: John Ropere, Nicholas Cristesham, [and others]. Dated, Wells, feast of St. Kalixtus, Martyr, 44 Edw. III.

Round seal; in a double canopied niche, the Virgin and Child, and St. Andrew with his cross; in the base a kneeling figure.

390. 1370.—Grant by Robert Cotel, chaplain, to John Schyrewold and Cristina his wife, of all lands and tenements in the parish of Wespennard which he had of the gift of the said John Shyrewold; to hold to John and Cristina and the heirs of their bodies, remainder to John's right heirs. Witnesses: John Pasturel, Richard Schyrborne, Walter Wytyn, [and others]. Dated, Wespennard, Sunday after St. Martin, 44 Edw. III.

391. 1371.—Acquittance by John Aunger, canon of Wells, to Master Stephen de Penpel, dean of Wells, for 113*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* in part payment of 133*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for the street called Monerslane, sold to the said dean. Dated, Wells, 15 June, 1371.

Oval seal, as no. 382.

392. 1371.—Will of Nicholas de Pontesbury, subdean of Wells, desiring his body to be buried in canonical habit, at the door of All Saints chapel in the churchyard of Blessed Andrew, and making bequests of various vestments, seal, and other goods and moneys, to various persons. A *porticus* to be made over his tomb [*sepultura*] and an image of the Virgin to be placed over the door of the chapel. To the common hall of vicars of the church of Crediton, 12 silver spoons with gilt knobs, like those which the vicars of Wells church have. To the choristers of Wells church, 10 silver spoons, to remain in their hall. To his successor as subdean, a silver seal of the office of subdean, with a silver chain fixed to it, to remain to each subdean, he giving security to the bishop. To Richard Brere a rent in Southovere which testator had by release from Robert de Pontesbury, and after Richard's death to the vicars' hall. Residue equally between cathedral church of Wells and Crediton church. Executors, Mr. John Aunger, John Seman, Henry Bouedych and Walter Corum.

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Dated, Wells, Thursday, the eve of the Assumption of the Virgin, 1371.

Probate by Stephen de Penpel, dean, 24 Oct., 1372, to the first three executors, power reserved to Corum.

393. 1371–2.—Release by Robert de Pontesbury to Sir Nicholas de Pontesbury, subdean of Wells, and his successors, subdeans, and to Richard Brer, Philip Yerdesleygh, and John Stawyll, vicars, of all his right to several tenements in the street of Southover, Wells. And because my seal is unknown to many, I have procured the seal of Mr. Thomas Sperte, official of John [Harewell], bishop of Bath and Wells, to be affixed. Witnesses: Henry Bouedyeh, master of the commonalty of Wells, John Ropere, Nicholas Cristesham, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 15 Jan., 45 Edw. III.

Round seal; an Agnus Dei; ECCE AGNVS.

394. 1373.—Grant by Thomas Puf and Joan his wife to Hugh Pavely and Margery his wife, their heirs and assigns, of all their lands, tenements, etc., at La Fenne in the hundred of Mertok, which lately belonged to Roger Flemyng and Cristina his wife, father and mother of the said Joan. Witnesses: John Pyk, Walter Wydecombe, Robert Mayne, [and others]. Dated, La Fenne, Sunday before Translation of St. Thomas, martyr, 47 Edw. III.

Two round seals: (1) A pelican feeding her young; SVM PELICANVS DEI. (2) The letter R between two sprigs.

395. 1373.—Lease from John Weylonde, knt., to William Louwys and Philip Robychon, of all his lands and tenements, rents and services, in Hassokys more, for 7 years; rent 11 marks to the lessor, and to the lord of Miet 12*s*. Witnesses: John Molyns, John Gyge, Richard Argrym, [and others]. Dated, Southpederton, Thursday, the feast of Michaelmas, 47 Edw. III.

Round seal: tracery enclosing a shield of arms, on a cross, 5 escallops [?]; SIGILLUM JOHANNIS DE WEYLONDE.

396. 1373.—Grant by Walter Hethenand, canon of Wells, William Lullok, chaplain, and Thomas Phelpes, burgess of Wells, executors of the testament of Agnes Ferrour (she having devised a tenement on the east side of Grope Lane to her said executors for sale, in accordance with the custom of the city or borough of Wells), of the said tenement to Master Stephen Penpel, dean of Wells, his heirs and assigns. Witnesses: John Ropere, Nicholas Cristesham, John Smoggere, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday after St. Martin, 47 Edw. III.

Three round seals; (1) In a double niche, the Annunciation of the Virgin; AVE MARIA.

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(2) In a pointed quatrefoil; ? the Virgin and Child, between four lions dormant; IE SV SEL D'AMVR LEL.

(3) In a pointed quatrefoil; a merchant's mark; PRIVE SVY E BEN CONV.

397. 1373.—Power of attorney by Walter Hethenand, canon of Wells, William Lullok, chaplain, and Thomas Phelpes, burgess of Wells, executors of the testament of Agnes Ferrour, deceased, to Sir Henry Andrew and Sir William Relde, chaplains, to deliver to Master Stephen Penpel, dean of Wells, his heirs and assigns, seisin of a tenement in the borough of Wells, on the east side of Grope lane. Dated, Wells, Tuesday after St. Martin, 47 Edw. III.

Three seals as in no. 396.

398. 1374.—Inspeximus by Stephen Pempel, dean, and the chapter of Wells, of letters of John [Harewell], bishop of Bath and Wells, appropriating the rectory of Wyncaultone to the priory and canons of Staverdale; the prior to present to the living, after the term of John Bryan, then vicar perpetual, a chaplain or canon; and to provide a mass in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. James under the belfry of the priory, founded and constructed for the soul of the late queen Philippa and others; dated, Everercych manor, 28 March, 1374.

Dated, Chapterhouse, Wells, 10 April, 1374. Sealed by the prior of Staverdale, 28 April, 1374.

Fragmentary seal of the priory of Staverdale.

399. 1374.—Agreement between Hugh Pavely and Margery his wife, on the one part, and Thomas Pyf and Joan his wife, whereby the latter grant to Hugh and Margery, their heirs and assigns, all lands in La Fenne in the hundred of Mertok, which Joan had by way of inheritance, on condition of re-entry into certain lands, &c. Witnesses: Robert Coke, [and others]. Dated, La Fenne, Monday before St. Margaret, 47 Edw. III.

400. 1374.—Copy of the will of John de Oxenford, late citizen of New Sarum, making various bequests to religious and private uses in the city, &c. He gives to Agnes his wife a tenement with shops and cellars, in the town of Welles, near the churchyard of the church of St. Andrew there, for her life, etc. Dated, Friday, morrow of St. Bartholomew, Apostle, 1374.

Probate, 26 August, same year.

Fragments of a round seal; a niche with crocketted canopy, containing an uncertain figure. SIGILLV' MAIORI . . .

[Probably the seal of the mayor of New Sarum; see no. 406.]

401. 1375.—Mandate by the official of the court of Canterbury to Sir William Camel, precentor of Wells, Sir John Waryn

and Richard Carlton, canons of Wells, and others, in favour of the claims of the Ven. Master Stephen Pempel, dean of Wells, against John [Harewell], bishop of Bath and Wells. Dated, London, nones of June, 1375.

Pointed oval seal; an uncertain ecclesiastical subject; in base under an arch, a half length figure.

402. 1376.—Lease by Walter Peytevyn and Margaret his wife, to Sir Walter Hethenham, canon of Wells, for his life, of a tenement in Chamberlaynstret, Wells; if Walter die within 40 years, his heirs, executors or assigns, may hold up to the end of 40 years from the date hereof; paying yearly 20*s.* to the lessors, 3*d.* to the bishop of Bath and Wells, and 6*s.* 8*d.* to the church of St. Andrew. Witnesses: Geoffrey Schirigg, Henry Bouedych, Nicholas Cristesham, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Michaelmas, 50 Edw. III.

Two small round seals.

(1) In carved tracery a head, ? St. Veronica's handkerchief with the Holy Face; . . . [C]HRISTE . . .

(2) A small bird.

403. 1377–8.—Copy of the will of John Gy of Wells, containing various pious bequests. If he return from over seas, to be buried in the churchyard of St. Cuthbert's, Wells; tenement at Biestewalles to be sold; another tenement to Cristina daughter of Thomas de Wodeforde for life, and then to be sold; other tenements and goods to be sold; proceeds to be distributed for my soul and the souls of my ancestors. William Banastre and John Knyth, executors. Dated, Wells, Tuesday, first week of Lent, 1377.

404. 1377.—Grant by Robert de Bykenalre, chaplain, and Roger Bayllyf of Torveston, to John de Bykenalre, son and heir of John de Bykenalre, and Joan his wife, their heirs and assigns, of all their lands and possessions in Somerset, which they hold by grant from the said John, son and heir of John de Bykenalre. Witnesses: John Roche, Simon Bryt, Adam Pavely, Oliver Hywyssch, and Henry Langbrok. Dated, Bykenalre, Monday before St. Barnabas, Apostle, 51 Edw. III.

Two seals. (1) Broken, shield shaped; an animal [? a Paschal lamb] on a chief with letters IES . . .

(2) Round; an eagle displayed; SIG' ROG'I . . .

405. 1377.—Lease by the president and chapter of Wells, to John Glovere of Wyvelescombe and Joan his wife, for their lives, of the manor of Okhampton; rent 100*s.* Dated, Chapterhouse, 30 September, 1377.

Round seal; J G in monogram.

406. 1378–9.—Copy of a letter of "intendance" made by David Flecchere and Thomas Cook, chaplain, to John Buterleigh and Thomas de Erlestoke, chaplain, concerning the

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acquisition of a reversion of lands in New Sarum and Wells, sold by Agnes widow of John de Oxenford to Buterleigh and Erlestoke. Witnesses: John Shoune, mayor of Sarum, John Monyers, William Cokerel, [and others]. Dated, New Sarum, Monday after the Conversion of St. Paul, 2 Ric. II.

Round seal; in a double canopied niche, the Annunciation of the Virgin; SIGILLV' MAIORIS SARRVM.

407. 1379.—Copy, under the seal of the mayoralty of the city of New Sarum, of a power of attorney by David Flecchere and Thomas Cook, chaplain, to Peter Upton, servant of John Buterleigh of New Sarum, to receive seisin of lands and tenements lately granted to them in New Sarum and Wells, by Agnes widow of John de Oxenford. Dated, New Sarum, Wednesday after St. Maurus, abbat, 2 Ric. II.

408. 1379.—Copy, under the seal of the mayoralty of the city of New Sarum, of a power of attorney by Agnes widow of John de Oxenford, late citizen of New Sarum, to Nicholas Cristesham of Wells, to deliver to David Flecchere and Thomas Cook, chaplain, seisin of all her lands and tenements in Wells. Dated, New Sarum, Wednesday after St. Maurus, abbat, 2 Ric. II.

Seal of the mayoralty of New Sarum, imperfect.

409. 1379–80.—General release by Peter de Yevelton, to Hugh Durburgh, knt., John FitzPayn, knt., Peter Bratton, Henry Seynt John, [and 33 others], of all actions against them, by reason of certain inquisitions and juries, in which they were concerned [*transierunt*] and were sworn, between the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Wells and the said Peter. Witnesses: Henry Percehay, Thomas Fichet, John Lorty, knts., [and others]. Dated, 10 February, 3 Ric. II.

Round seal; in a gothic compartment, and suspended from a tree, a shield of arms, two bars nebuly, and a canton; or perhaps barry nebuly of 6. S. PETRI. DE. YEVELTUNE.

410. 1380.—Grant by David Flecchere and Thomas Cook, chaplain, to Thomas Tannere, burgess of Wells, and Isabel his wife, their heirs and assigns, of a corner tenement with a cellar and shops, situate near St. Andrew's churchyard in Wells, formerly of John de Oxenford, skinner, citizen of New Sarum, deceased. We have caused the seal of the mayoralty of the city of New Sarum to be affixed. Witnesses: William Warmwell [?], mayor and coroner of Salisbury, Nicholas Taillour, Walter Ryborgh, Thomas Foket, and William Dunkyrton, citizens of Salisbury, Nicholas de Cristesham, Henry Bouedich, and Thomas de Mertok, burgesses of Wells. Dated, New Sarum, Monday after St George the martyr, 3 Ric. II.

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(1) Round seal; the letter D, crowned.
(2) As no. 406.
(3) Round seal; a tonsured head to the right, foliage in background; CAPVT SACERDOTIS DEI.

411. 1380.—Release by John Buterleigh and Thomas de Erlestoke, chaplain, to Thomas Tanner, burgess of Wells, and Isabel his wife, their heirs and assigns, of all right to a corner tenement with cellar and shops in Wells, near St. Andrew's churchyard, which Thomas and Isabel had by feoffment of David Flechere and Thomas Cook, chaplain. Witnesses: John Panes of Wyke, Nicholas Cristesham, Henry Bouedych, [and others]. Dated, Saturday before SS. Philip and James, 3 Ric. II.

Two round seals; (1) a crowned I between two stars, standing upon the letter B which is lying on its back.
(2) A lombardic T.

412. 1380.—Lease by John Weylonde, knt., to Walter Horyg and Alice his wife, for their lives, of a tenement in Loxton, and pasture for forty sheep on the hill; rent 3*s.* 9½*d.* Witnesses: Roger le Walsh of Hinton, Richard Deneys, Richard de Oldemexen, [and others]. Dated, Loxton, Friday after the Assumption of the Virgin, 4 Ric. II.

413. 1381.—Acquittance by Thomas Salman, attorney of Sir Thomas Fychet, knt., son of Sir Thomas Fychet, to Sir Thomas Curteys, Thomas Newman, Symon Erchesfont and John Tyntenhull, perpetual vicars of Wells, for 23*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* in part payment of 50 marks. Sealed with the seal of Thomas Mount, canon. Dated, Wells, the Translation of St. Martin, 5 Ric. II.

414. 1381.—Lease by the president and chapter of Wells, *decano in remotis agente*, to Thomas Jay, burgess of Wells, Juliana his wife, and Joan their daughter, for their lives, of a toft in la Mullelane, Wells; rent for first 14 years, 20*d.*, afterwards 6*s.* 8*d.* Witnesses: Nicholas Crystesham, Henry Bouedych, Richard Ferour, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday after St. Martin, 5 Ric. II.

Round seal; an ornamental S.

414*. 1381.—Grant by John de Weylond, knt., lord of Loxton, to Edith daughter of Alan de Weylond, of a tenement in Loxton. Dated, Loxton, Friday after St. Benedict, abbat, 5 Ric. II.

415. 1382.—Lease by John de Weylond, knt., to Robert Colyne and Agnes his wife, *nativa*, for their lives, of five acres of land and meadow in Loxton; rent 3*s.* 4*d.*; and granting the manumission of the said Agnes. Dated, Loxton, Friday after Lady Day, 5 Ric. II.

Round seal; a lombardic N.

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416. 1382.—Licence in mortmain from Richard II, at the request of Queen Anne, and in consideration of 20 marks received from the vicars of the New Close, Wells Cathedral, to William Odecombe, John Tyntenhull, John Baryngton and Richard Wynchecombe, clerks, that they may grant to the dean and chapter of Wells an acre of land with appurtenances in Alwyneshagh, and the advowson of Kyngeston, co. Somerset, held of the crown as of the honor of Walyngford, to be held by the dean and chapter, to the use of the said vicars and in aid of their sustentation. Dated, 13 Oct., 6 Ric. II.

417. 1382.—Lease by John Weylonde, knt., lord of Loxton, to John Agas and Agnes his wife, for their lives, of a tenement which John Mallerbe late held, and 5 acres of land and meadow in Loxton; rent 6*s.* 8*d.* Witnesses: Richard Oldemixen, John Oldemixen, John Mallewyne, William Frie, [and others]. Dated, Loxton, Sunday after St. Thomas Apostle, 6 Ric, II.

418. 1383.—Manumission of Edith and Maude Geryng of Loxton, his natives, by John de Weyland, knt. Witnesses: William Cokur, John Hampton, Roger Walshe, [and others]. Dated, Loxton, Invention of Holy Cross, 6 Ric. II.

Round seal: in an oval gothic compartment, a chalice with a cross in it; below, the sacred monogram IHC.

419. 1383.—Lease by Thomas de Sudburia, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Thomas Fostebury, Agnes his wife, and Joan their daughter, of a tenement in Byestewall, Wells, for their lives; rent 20*s.* payable to our escheator. Witnesses: Sirs William Cammel, precentor, Thomas Spert, chancellor, Thomas Mount, John Wareyn, Walter Wyncalton, canons of Wells. Dated, Chapterhouse, Wednesday after St. James, Apostle, 1383.

420. 1383.—Grant by John de Chidiok the elder, knt., to Sirs William Odecumb, John Tyntenhulle, John Baryngton, and Richard Wynchecombe, and the heirs and assigns of William, of a yearly rent of 20*l.* in his manors of Cotteleygh and Buchum, co. Dorset; on this condition, that so long as they hold a certain acre of land in Alwynsheigh, co. Somerset, lying in a culture called Hangerlond, called Seynt Jonys acre, and the advowson and patronage of the church of St. John the Evangelist and All Saints at Kyngeston, in the same manor, in peace, without being removed by any heir of the grantor's, the said rent should not be paid or levied. Witnesses: Mr. Henry Nithaven [?], Walter atte Moure, John Benyn, and Peter Blount. Dated, Alwynsheigh, 27 Aug., 7 Ric. II.

Round seal; within a gothic border a shield of arms; an escutcheon within an orle of eight martlets; S' JOH'IS DE CHIDIOK.

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421. 1383.—Confirmation by John Chydyok the younger, knt., son and heir apparent of John de Chydyok the elder, knt., of a grant dated 28 Aug., 7 Ric. II [1383], to Sirs William Odecumbe, canon of Wells, John Tyntenhull, John Baryngton and Richard Wynchecumbe, vicars in the same church, of an acre of land in his manor of Alwynsheygh, co. Somerset, situate in Hangerlond, called Seint Jonis acre, together with the advowson of the church of St. John the Evangelist and All Saints at Kyngeston, in the same manor, in the diocese of Bath and Wells, to which grant John Beauchamp, John Strech, and John Myret, knts., and others, were witnesses. Witnesses: Giles Deaubenay, John Beauchamp, John Strech, knts., [and others]. Dated, 5 Nov., 7 Ric. II.

Round seal: in tracery a shield of arms; an escutcheon within an orle of eight martlets. Legend uncertain.

422. 1384.—Grant by John Rooke, chaplain, and William Smyth of Dynre, to William Mulewarde of Dynre and Alice his wife, their heirs and assigns, of a tenement and lands in Prestely, in the parish of Doultyng, which we lately had of the gift of the said William. Witnesses: John Panes, Walter Foulbroke, John Wyke, [and others]. Dated, Prestely, 12 April, 7 Ric. II.

423. 1384.—Lease by John de Compton, chaplain, to John Spray of Woky, and his first wedded [*primo ducte*] wife, for their lives, of a garden in Woky, extending from the High street to Overstrete, on which to build a house; rent 16*d*. Witnesses: John atte Chapelle, William Frankeleyn, Richard Prentyz, [and others]. Dated, Woky, Wednesday, morrow of the Invention of Holy Cross, 7 Ric. II.

424. 1384.—Power of attorney by the dean and chapter of Wells, to John Beauchamp, knt., John Benyn, Nicholas Bolour, and John Knolle, to receive seisin of an acre of land in Alwynshegh and the advowson of Kyngeston church, co. Somerset, given by William Odecumb, John Tyntenhull, John Baryngton and Richard Wynchecomb, clerks. Dated, Chapterhouse, 11 May, 7 Ric. II.

425. 1384.—Grant by William Odecumbe, John Tyntenhull, John Baryngton, and Richard Wynchecumbe, clerks, to the dean and chapter of Wells, of an acre of land with appurtenances in Alwynshegh, co. Somerset, with the advowson of Kyngeston church, to be appropriated for the use of the vicars of the said church, the revenues to be expended at the discretion of John [Harewell], bishop of Bath and Wells, the said dean and chapter, and the prior and convent of Bath. *Et quia sigilla nostra pluribus sunt incognita, ideo ad majorem noticiam sigillum commune burgensii Wellensis*

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apponi procuravimus. Witnesses: John de Chydeok, Giles Deaubenay, John Strecch, John Beauchamp, John Weylond, knts., [and others]. Dated, 10 May, 7 Ric. II.

Three round seals; (1) an Agnus Dei; ECCE AGNVS DEI.

(2) St. Katherine with her wheel [?], in a garden, legend uncertain.

(3) Seal of the burgesses of Wells.

426. 1384.—Power of attorney by William Odecomb, John Tyntenhull, John Barýngton and Richard Wynchecomb to William Taylour, vicar of Ilemyster, and Ralph de Kyngestan, to deliver seisin to the dean and chapter of Wells of an acre of land in the manor of Alwynshegh, Somerset, and the advowson of Kyngestan church, within the same manor. Dated, 11 May, 7 Ric. II.

Four seals; (1) oval, St. Andrew and St. Paul (?) in a double niche, below, a kneeling figure. Legend obliterated.

(2) As no. 427, (1).

(3) As no. 425, (1).

(4) As no. 425, (2).

427. 1384.—Duplicate of no. 426.

Two round seals; (1) in a carved gothic trefoil, a shield with indistinct device. SIGI . . . IOHANNIS TINT . . .

(2) As no. 425, (1).

428. 1384.—Deed poll by Thomas de Sudbury, dean of the church of Wells, and the chapter and college of the same church, who held many lands and tenements in the manor of Burnham, Somerset, of Sir William de Mountagu, earl of Salisbury; which said manor the earl lately had by grant from Thomas de Graundson, knt., and has since granted it by deed and fine to Dame Margaret, late wife of the said Thomas, who granted it by charter to Nicholas de Carreu the elder, Nicholas his son, and William de Carreu, son of John de Carreu, knt., and the heirs of Nicholas the elder. The dean and chapter acknowledge that they are attorned of their fealty [*attournes de nostre feolte*] to the last mentioned grantees, for all the said lands, etc., in Burnham. Witnesses: John Tryvet, knt., Robert de Orchard, Thomas Knoiel, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 20 May, 7 Ric. II. *French.*

Common seal of the dean and chapter: fragmentary.

429. 1384.—Letters patent of John [Harewell], bishop of Bath and Wells, appropriating the vicarage of Kyngestan church to the dean and chapter of Wells, for the use and emolument of the vicars choral, and subject to a payment of 9*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to certain vicars choral celebrating various masses, including masses for the state of King Richard and Queen Anne, the bishop, Sir John Chynnok, abbat of Glastonbury, and for the souls of Sir Hugh Courtenay, late earl of Devon, and others [named], and subject also to pensions of 2*s.* to

the bishop and his successors, 4*s.* to the dean and chapter, and 2*s.* to the archdeacon of Taunton.

Subjoined are the ratifications by Thomas de Sudburia, the dean, and the chapter of Wells, John [de Berewike], the prior, and the chapter of Bath, and Thomas de Sowtham, archdeacon of Oxford, proctor of the cardinal archdeacon of Taunton. Dated, Woky manor, 12 August, 1384.

430. 1384.—Grant by John [Harewell], bishop of Bath and Wells, (in consideration of a petition by William Odecumbe and William Cokham, canons of Wells, setting forth the poverty of the vicars-choral of Wells) of the church of Kyngestan, whose revenues are valued at 20 marks sterling, to the dean and chapter of Wells, for the use and benefit of the vicars-choral; the bishop reserving to himself, with the express sanction of the dean and chapter, the yearly sum of 2*s.*, to the dean and chapter the yearly sum of 4*s.*, and to the archdeacon of Taunton the yearly sum of 2*s.*

The grant is also subject to a charge of 9*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, to be paid by the communar of Wells Cathedral for the time being, for the following purpose: for the celebration of a daily mass by a vicar-choral, being in priest's orders, at the altar of St. Katherine the Virgin *juxta Jesinam*, at the first sound of the bell of the Blessed Mary, called Knollyng, and other masses for King Richard, Anne his wife, John Chynnok, abbat of Glastonbury, for John the above mentioned bishop on his death, Hugh Courtenay, earl of Devon, and others [named]; for which services the vicars-choral shall receive 12*d.* every week. The balance of the 9*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* is to be spent in alms, the lighting of lamps before certain shrines, bell-ringing, and other offices.

With the attestations of Robert atte Slo, notary public of the diocese of Bath and Wells, Thomas de Sudburia, dean of Wells, John, prior of the priory church of Bath, and Thomas de Sowtham, archdeacon of Oxford, and proctor of the cardinal archdeacon of Taunton. Witnesses: John Grene, canon of Wells, John Walrond, rector of Jevelton, John Brokman, vicar of Huwyssh. Dated, Woky manor, 12 August, 1384.

431. 1384.—Lease by Thomas de Sudbury, dean of Wells, and the chapter, to William Wreyntemour and Joan his wife, of the manor of Okhampton, near Wyvelescombe, Somerset, for their lives, rent 100*s.* They may cut timber for repairs by the view of the steward, and underwood for hedging and fuel [*pro clausure et focale*]; power reserved to cut and sell wood and timber. Dated, Chapterhouse, Wells, Thursday after St. Thomas the Apostle, 1384.

Round seal, obliterated.

432. 1384–5.—Grant by Margery atte Sloo, to John Wareyn, Walter Wynkaulton, and John Upton, canons of Wells, their

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heirs and assigns, of a rent of 3*s.* 9*d.* paid by John Roddeleye for a burgage which he holds for life in Nywport, with reversion of the same; also a rent of 18*d.* paid by William Love for lands which he holds for life in Langedonne in the hundred of Northcory, with reversion of the same. Witnesses: Sir John Beauchamp, Sir John Lortye, knts., Peter Yevelton, Hugh Caucy, [and others]. Dated, Northcory, Tuesday before the Purification, 8 Ric. II.

433. 1384–5.—Acquittance by John Rodeneye, knt., to the dean and chapter of Wells, by the hands of Sir John Tyntenhull, their communar, for 60*s.* for all arrears of rent for a tenement in High st., Wells. Dated, Bacwell, 16 Feb., 8 Ric. II.

434. 1384.—Recital and confirmation by William [Courtenay], archbishop of Canterbury, of the appropriation of the living of Kyngestan, for the benefit of the vicars-choral of the New Close, Wells. Dated, Wells, 10 Sept., 1384, in our provincial visitation.

435. 1385.—Faculty granted by Thomas de Sudbury, LL.D., the dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Thomas Ellewyll and Nicholas Face, perpetual vicars in the cathedral church, and principals of the common hall of the New Close of the vicars, to take possession of the parish church of Kyngestan, in the diocese of Bath and Wells, appropriated to the use of the vicars, and now vacant by the resignation of Master Robert Shetern, late rector of the same. Dated, Chapterhouse, 19 Sept., 1385.

Common seal of the chapter.

436. 1385.—Notarial instrument recording the resignation by Robert Seheterne into the hands of John [Harewell], bishop of Bath and Wells, in his principal chamber situate with his manor of Woky, of the living of Kyngstan; and the appropriation of the same for the use of the vicars-choral of Wells, in the presence of Sir William Odecumbe, Master John Upton, canons of Wells, John Beynin, Nicholas Bolour, men of letters, Robert Wellesbourne, John Baryngton, and William Horsford, notaries public. Dated 19 Sept., 1385. *Mutilated.*

Notarial *signum* of John de Baryngton.

437. 1385.—Notarial instrument testifying that Thomas Ellewyll, vicar of the church of Wells, and proctor of the dean and chapter, entered and took possession of the living of Kyngestan, Somerset, on the voluntary resignation of the rector, Robert Sheterne, and appropriated it on behalf of the said dean and chapter, for the use and benefit of the vicars-choral of the New Close, Wells, in the presence of John Sone, chaplain, Ralph Kyngestan, Robert de Huckylbrygg, John Knolle, and John Rok, men of letters. Dated, 20 Sept., 1385.

Notarial *signum* of John de Baryngton.

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438. 1385.—Lease by John Weylond, knt., and Burga his wife, to John Harewell and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of the grantors, for their lives, of the manor of Loxton ; rent, a rose, at the Nativity of St. John Baptist. Witnesses : John de Rodeneye, John FitzPayn, Thomas Arthur, knts., [and others]. Dated, Loxton, Tuesday before Michaelmas, 9 Ric. II.

Round seal ; a lombardic N ; see no. 415.

439. 1385.—Duplicate of no. 438.

Round seal, broken ; in a gothic border a shield of arms : on a cross five [? escallops]. . . . WEYLOND.

440. 1385.—Power of attorney by John Weylond, knt., and " Bourge " his wife [*sa compayngne*], to John Hampton, John Horcy, and Thomas Nytere, to deliver to John Harewell and Elizabeth his wife, their daughter, seisin of the manor of Loxton. Dated, Radewelle in the parish of Kyngesbury Bishop, Monday after Michaelmas, 9 Ric. II. *French.*

Round seal, as no. 439.

441. 1385.—Release by John Haynes, called Cullebury, of Stykelynche, to John Ayschewyke the elder and Alice his wife, their heirs and assigns, of all his right to lands in Stykelynche, late of Walter Dyur. Witnesses : John Panys [?], Nicholas Mulbourne, John Evethurne, [and others]. Dated, Stykelynche, 26 Oct., 9 Ric. II.

442. 1381.—Lease by John de Weylond, knt., lord of Loxton, to John de Warewyk, parson of Loxton, and Margaret Don, for their lives, of a tenement in Loxton, and pasture for 40 sheep on La Donne ; rent, a pair of gloves. Dated, Loxton, Friday after the Translation of St. Thomas, martyr, 5 Ric. II.

Round seal ; a shield within a gothic border ; arms, a cross charged with 5 escallops.

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443. 1381.—Duplicate of no. 442.

444. 1381.—Duplicate of no. 442.

445. 1386.—Lease by John Compton, chaplain, to William Smyth of Woky and Anne his wife, for their lives, of a messuage in the west end of Woky ; rent 6*s.* 8*d.* Witnesses : John atte Chapele, John Pynchard, William Frankeleyn, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Thursday, the Invention of Holy Cross, 9 Ric. II.

Round seal ; on a shield, a chevron between 3 mullets [?] ; S' IOH'S C . . .

446. 1386.—Notification by John Copleston, sheriff of Somerset, of his having delivered seisin to the dean and chapter

of Wells of common of pasture in Saltmore, &c., in execution against Robert, abbat of Athelney, and others. Dated, 7 June, 9 [Ric. II].

Injured by damp, partly illegible.

447. 1386.—Acquittance by Robert Cheterne, clerk, to Thomas Newman, vicar of Wells Cathedral, for 100*s.* due to me of a yearly pension granted to me by William Odecumbe, late canon, and certain vicars. Dated, Ilmynster, *decimo die post diem nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste*, 10 Ric. II.

Oval seal; in a canopied niche, a figure adoring the Blessed Virgin and Child. Legend indecipherable.

448. 1386.—Release by John Knyth of Chewton-under-Menedep, to Sirs Thomas Neweman, John Bockyng, John Tyntenhulle, Thomas Ellewelle and John Baryngton, perpetual vicars of Wells, their heirs and assigns, of all his right to a tenement on the south side of High st., Wells, adjoining the lane to the Horspole on the west; and to three adjacent stalls, viz. two butchers' stalls, and one fishmonger's stall. Witnesses: Nicholas Cristesham, Thomas Tannere, Thomas Hore, [and others]. Dated, Wells, feast of St. Margaret, virgin, 10 Ric. II.

Round seal; within a gothic border, a shield of arms, a fesse nebuly; I : BIDE : PEACE [?].

449. 1387.—Lease by Lucy Rodemore, sister and heir of Robert Strecche and Thomas Strecche, to Alice widow of Robert Strecche, for life, of lands in Ediston, in the parish of Stokurcy, &c. Witnesses: Walter Bluet, knt., Huwe Willyng, parson of Otirhampton, Thomas Bluet, [and others]. Dated, Edistone, Sunday the feast of SS. Perpetua and Felicitas, 10 Ric. II. *French.*

450. 1387.—Lease by Thomas Nywman, John Baryngton, Thomas Elwille, John Bockyngge and John Tyntenhull, perpetual vicars of Wells, to William Stephenis, butcher, of Wells, for life, of a butcher's stall in High st.; rent 4*s.* 6*d.* Witnesses: Thomas Tannere, Nicholas Cristesham, Thomas Hore, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Wednesday, feast of St. Philip and St. James, 10 Ric. II.

Oval seal: a kneeling figure adoring the Virgin Mary and Child; AVE MARIA.

451. 1387.—Lease by John Blauecombe and Alice his wife, for the term of their own lives, to Sir John Taillour of Wells, vicar in the cathedral, and his assigns, of a messuage in Chamberleynstrete, Wells, on the east of Sir John Chydyok, knt. Witnesses: Thomas Tannere, steward of the guild of the town of Wells, Nicholas Cristesham, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Saturday before St. Dunstan, archbishop, 10 Ric. II.

Two seals; (1) P. crowned.

(2) On a shield, a boar's head in chief and a star in base [?].

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452. 1388.—Acquittance by Robert Sheterne, clerk, to Sir Thomas Newman, vicar of Wells, for 10*l.* pension [as before, see no. 447]. Dated, Ilemynstre, 10 Oct., 12 Ric. II.
Seal, as no. 447.

453. 1388.—Record, attested by Robert Churche, clerk, notary public, of the diocese of Norwich, &c., of an instrument containing the sentence pronounced by John Barnet, official of the court of Canterbury, in the church of St. Mary *de Arcubus*, London, 17 Dec., 1388, in a cause between the dean and chapter of Wells, and Walter Hamme, vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Wells, relating to a payment of 20 marks to be made yearly by the vicar to the dean and chapter. With recital of several documents connected with the cause. Date as above.
Notarial *signum* of Robert Church.

454. 1388–9.—Power of attorney by Maude, relict and executrix of the will of Hugh de Remynton, to Nicholas More, clerk, and Walter de Doddesdene, to give seisin to Thomas Hore, burgess of Wells, and Joan his wife, of a tenement and 3 shops in Wells. Dated, Wells, Monday, Conversion of St. Paul, 12 Ric. II.
Round seal; three roundels, conjoined in a circle, with gothic tracery, containing the Agnus Dei, an eagle rising reguardant, and St. John the Baptist's head in a charger.
OMNIBVS HEC ANNIS
ME SALVANT SIGNA IOH'IS.

455. 1388–9.—Grant by Maude, relict and executrix of Hugh de Remynton, to Thomas Hore, burgess of Wells, and Joan his wife, their heirs and assigns, of all her estate in a tenement and 3 shops in the High street, Wells, opposite a lane leading to Byestewalles. Witnesses: Nicholas de Cristesham, Thomas Tannere, John Blithe, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday, Conversion of St. Paul, 12 Ric. II.
Seal, as no. 454.

456. 1388–9.—Power of attorney by Thomas, brother and heir of Robert Strecche, to Richard Amys, prior of Stokurcy, and Sir Henry Hyllacre, chaplain, to deliver to John Vernay, his heirs and assigns, seisin of all lands, etc. in Ediston in the parish of Stokurcy. Dated, Edyston, Monday after the Purification, 12 Ric. II.
Round seal; within tracery, a shield of arms; a bend between six crosslets. Fragmentary.

457. 1389.—Acquittance by Robert Scheterne, clerk, to Thomas Newman, and his fellows, vicars of Wells, for 100*s.* pension. Dated, Wells, 3 July, 13 Ric. II.
Seal, as no. 447.

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458. 1389.—Acquittance by Robert Scheturne, clerk, to Thomas Newman, and his fellows, vicars of Wells, for 10*l.* pension. Dated, Wells, 12 Oct., 13 Ric. II.
Seal, as no. 447.

459. 1389.—Lease by John Reynald of Stapelford, Wilts, to Robert Blakeman, Alice his wife, and John their son, for their lives, of a messuage and lands in the street Byestewall, Wells, and a rood of land at La Aisshenecroys ; rent 4*s.*, and ½*d.* yearly to Henry Jakes for one "pynon" of the messuage. Witnesses : Thomas Tannere, Thomas Hore, Nicholas Cristesham, William Churchestighele, John le Frye, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Thursday after St. Ambrose the bishop, 13 Ric. II.

460. [? 1377–1399.]—Lease by John Or[um], John Roland, John Knyght, canons of Wells, John Alampton, Robert Burgh, William Purs, and John Smyth, vicars of Wells, to Richard Bockyng, burgess of Wells, and Alice his wife, for their lives, of a house in Moneryslane, Wells ; rent 5*s.* Witnesses : John Pedewell, master of the town of Wells, Richard Halle, Richard Settere, [and others]. Date not filled in ; probably *temp.* Ric. II.
Octagonal seal ; R.B.

461. 1390.—Acquittance by Robert Scheterne, clerk, to Thomas Newman, and his fellows, vicars of Wells, of 100*s.* pension, Dated, Wells, 14 April, 13 Ric. II.
Seal as no. 447.

462. 1390.—Acquittance by the same to the same for 100*s.* pension. Dated, Wells, 5 July, 14 Ric. II.
Seal as no. 447.

463. 1390.—Acquittance by the same to the same for 10*l.* due by way of pension from the Ven. Sir William Odecumbe, late canon. Dated, Wells, 12 Oct., 14 Ric. II.

464. 1390.—Mandate by Ralph [Erghum], bishop of Bath and Wells, to the archdeacons and other dignitaries and officials of the diocese, to require the beneficed clergy to call upon their parishioners to become members of the confraternity of our cathedral church of St. Andrew, and to aid the fabric by donations and bequests ; and promising an indulgence of forty days to benefactors. Two trustworthy persons are to be appointed collectors in every parish. Dated, Woky Manor, 2 Nov., 1390, 3rd year of the bishop.
Small fragment of the pointed oval seal, and signet.

465. 1390.—Mandate by Ralph [Erghum], bishop of Bath and Wells, to the rectors, vicars and parochial chaplains in the towns within the see, to announce duly during mass, with bells and candles, the risk of major excommunication incurred

by those who infringe the liberties or injure the fabric of the church. Dated, Woky Manor, 2 Nov., 1390, 3rd year of the bishop.

466. 1390–91.—Lease by Henry Curteys of Wells, to John Helston and Agnes his wife, for their lives, of a tenement in St. Cuthbert's street, Wells; rent 13*s.* 4*d.* Witnesses: Nicholas Cristesham, Thomas Tannere, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday after St. Matthias, Apostle, 14 Ric. II.

Round seal; within two interlaced triangles, an Agnus Dei; between the angle points ECCE AGNVS DEI.

467. 1391–92.—Lease by Ralph Vernay, son of John Vernay, late lord of Fayreveld, to William Lyghe [? Lyghere] and Agnes his wife, for their lives, of a cottage in Le Ediston, etc., in the parish of Stoke-curcy; rent 3*s.* Witnesses: John Bakeler, Ralph Peris, John Mareys, [and others]. Dated, Stoke-curcy, feast of St. Edward, king and martyr, 15 Ric. II.

Round seal; an eagle, close, between the initials SM.

468. 1391.—Indenture between John Wareyn, canon of Wells, and Thomas Byngham, Ralph Berners, Robert Rugg, and Robert Sloo, co-canons of the same church, laying down the uses on which Wareyn is about to grant to Thomas and the others a messuage in the street Byestwallys, Wells, which they are to regrant to John for life, etc. Dated, Wells, 1 Oct., 15 Ric. II.

Three round seals; (1) in a gothic quatrefoil, a shield charged with a tree eradicated [?]; LE SEL D'AMVR [?].

(2) In a gothic niche, a figure of St. Katherine, with her wheel; SECRET . . .

(3) In a gothic rose of six points, a fleur-de-lis between the initials R.S.; PAR AMOVR AI SOVCOVR.

469. 1392.—Notarial instrument by John de Baryngton, priest, notary of the diocese of Wells, attesting an award pronounced by Walter, abbat of the Cistercian abbey of Ford, in the diocese of Exeter, in pursuance of a commission directed to him and others by Pope Boniface [IX], dated Rome, St. Peter's, kal. Dec., 3rd year [1391], to examine into injuries and other matters alleged by the dean and chapter of Wells against various parties. Dated in the conventual church of Forde, 1392, Indict. XV, 25 June. Witnesses: Sir Roger Berwyke, chaplain, John Golde, [and others].

Pointed oval seal of the abbat, obliterated, apparently a full length figure of an abbat.

Notarial *signum* of John de Baryngton.

470. 1392.—Lease for 50 years, by Thomas Sudbury, dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Sir Walter Wynkaulton, canon of the same, and his successors living in the canonical

house where he now lives, of a toft, etc., late held by Thomas Lechelade, 30 feet wide, in La Mounterye; rent 5*s.*, payable to the escheator. Dated, Chapterhouse, Wells, Sunday after Michaelmas, 16 Ric. II.

471. 1393–4.—Appropriation by Thomas [Arundal], archbishop of York, of the church of St. Sampson, York, to the college of the 36 vicars in the cathedral of St. Peter, York. Dated, our *hospicium* near Westminster, 10 March, 1393, 6th year of the archbishop.

472. 1393.—Grant by John Wareyn, canon of Wells, to Masters Thomas Byngham, Robert Rugge, canons, Sirs John Alampton, Simon Ercheffaunt, and John Axebrugge, vicars of Wells, and Thomas Kyngesbury, clerk, their heirs and assigns, of 8*s.* rent out of a tenement in the street called Southover, Wells, with the reversion thereof when it falls in; also a rent of 12*d.* out of a tenement in High street, next the lane leading to the bishop's inner mill [*molendinum intrinsecum*]; also a piece of vacant land on the south side of Chamberlain st., near Lourteborn [?], opposite la Guyhalle [?]. Witnesses: Thomas Tanner, Nicholas Cristesham, Thomas Hore, [and others]. Dated, Dychesyate, Monday after St. Matthew, apostle, 17 Ric. II.

473. 1393.—Grant by Andrew Berde and Agnes widow of John Mogge, executors of the said John, to John Hone, son and heir of James Hone, his heirs and assigns, of the reversion of the rents and services of Walter Baker, &c., in Chamberleynestrete, Wells, which testator directed to be sold and the proceeds to be given to the dean and chapter to celebrate for the souls of himself and of certain friends of his, as appears in his testament, dated Wednesday after Michaelmas, 1361. Witnesses: Thomas Tannere, Nicholas Cristesham, Thomas Hore, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday after Michaelmas, 17 Ric. II.

Round seal; a bird with a leaf in its beak; IE SVY PRIVE.

474. 1393.—Lease by John Reynald of Stapelford, Wilts, to Robert Blakeman, Margaret his wife, and John their son, for their lives, of a messuage and lands in the street Byestwall, Wells, and a rood of land at La Aisshenecroys; rent 4*s.*, and also ½*d.* to the heirs and assigns of Henry Jakes for one "pynon" of the messuage. Witnesses: Thomas Tannere, Thomas Hore, Nicholas Cristesham, John le Frye, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Wednesday after St. Kalixtus, 17 Ric. II.

Oval seal; in a canopied niche, a figure kneeling before the Virgin and Child, and St. Andrew with his cross.

475. 1393.—Duplicate or counterpart of no. 474.

Round seal; in a gothic device a shield of arms; three chevrons [?], above the shield a triple towered castle.

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476. 1393.—Grant by Henry Curteys of Wells, to Richard Slade, his heirs and assigns, of a yearly rent of 13*s.* 4*d.*, which John Halston and Agnes his wife pay for a messuage in Wells, with reversion of the same after the death of the said John and Agnes, paying Henry 8*s.* 4*d.* yearly for his life. Witnesses : Thomas Tanner, Nicholas Cristesham, Richard Virgo, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 24 Oct., 17 Ric. II.

477. 1394–95.—Grant by John, prior of the regular priory of Long-Leat, and the convent of the same, of the order of St. Augustine, diocese of Sarum, to the dean and chapter of Wells, of a yearly pension of 6*s.* 8*d.* in settlement of their claim or interest in the parish church of Lullyngton, appropriated to the priory by Ralph [Erghum], bishop of Bath and Wells ; with power of distress in the priory manor of Lullyngton. Dated, Chapterhouse, Long-Leat, 8 January, 1394.

478. 1395.—Release by William Banastre and John Knyght of Chiwton, to Sir John Bockyng and Sir John Baryngton, perpetual vicars of the cathedral church of Wells, their heirs and assigns, of all right to a messuage in Chamberleynstrete, Wells, adjoining a piece of vacant land belonging to the prioress and convent of Munchenebarwe on the west, which messuage the releasors lately had of the feoffment of John Gy of Wells. Witnesses : Thomas Tannere, Thomas Hore, Nicholas Cristisham, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Wednesday feast of St. Katherine, Virgin, 18 Ric. II.

Two round seals ; (1) as no. 448.

(2) A dove with an olive branch in its beak.

479. 1395.—Grant by John Alampton and John Axebrygg, vicars in the cathedral church of Wells, and Thomas Kyngesbury, clerk, to John Wareyn, canon of the said church, his heirs and assigns, of all lands, tenements, reversions, etc., within the town or borough or without the borough and within the parish of Wells, of which he had lately enfeoffed them. This charter is made in triplicate, one part to remain with John and John, sons of John Wareyn, brother of the said Sir John Wareyn [the canon] ; the second with Thomas and John Kingesbury, nephews [*consobrini*] of the same John Wareyn ; and the third in the treasury of the cathedral church of Wells. Witnesses :—William Banastre, John Cokhulle, Thomas Tannere, Master Richard Horsseford, clerk, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday after the Translation of St. Thomas the martyr, 19 Ric. II.

Three round seals :

(1) A shield of arms, three annulets ; s' GVILHEMI DOK [?].

(2) A boar's head to the sinister, a fleur-de-lis above.

(3) Initials R.D. crowned.

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480. 1395.—Release by the same to Sir John Wareyn, canon of Wells, of the same properties in Wells. Dated, Wells, Thursday after St. Lawrence, 19 Ric. II.
Three seals, as no. 479.

481. 1395.—Notification by John Alampton and John Axebrigge, vicars of Wells, and Thomas Kyngesbury, clerk, to Geoffrey Shirygge, and their other tenants of lands, etc., lately granted to them by John Wareyn, canon of Wells, that they have regranted to him the same lands, etc. Dated, Wells, Tuesday after the Translation of St. Thomas the martyr, 19 Ric. II. *French.*
Three seals, as no. 479.

482. 1395.—Duplicate of no. 481.

483. 1395.—Grant by John Wareyn, canon of Wells, to Masters Thomas Byngham, subdean, Gregory Butteleygh, Thomas Frome, canons, John Alampton, John Bonyngdon and John Axebrigg, vicars of Wells, theirs heirs and assigns, of a messuage in Wells in the street called Southovere, late held by John Lydyard, and a vacant piece of land on the south side of Chamberlain st., near Lurteborne, opposite La Juyhalle, and a rent of 12*d.* yearly ; and other rents and tenements in Wells. Witnesses : Thomas Tannere, Nicholas Cristesham, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 4 Oct., 19 Ric. II.

484. 1395.—Lease by Thomas de Sudburia, dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Sir Humfrey Shiliere, chaplain, of the tithes of garbs, corn and hay, etc., belonging to the chapel of Stoke St. Gregory, in the parish of Northcory, for 7 years, except altar-dues [*altilagia*], oblations, and the small tithes of the chapel and tithes of garbs and hay in Lez Wythybares in Saltmor ; he may use the houses and bartons in a place called Gyenes and the dove-cote there, and must repair and maintain the chancel of the chapel ; rent 32*l.* Dated, Chapterhouse, Wells, 26 Oct., 19 Ric. II, 1395.
Round seal ; on a shield a merchant's mark ; legend uncertain.

485. 1395.—Grant by John Wareyn, canon of Wells, to John Kyngesbury, clerk, and the heirs of his body, of a tenement with a curtilage, in the street called Byestewalles, Wells, with land and meadows which John Orchard lately held, except an acre at Grennyngdych on the east, together with two half-acres of arable land in the fields of Doltecote ; to hold of the grantor at the rent of 1*d.* or one rose ; remainder to Thomas Kyngesbury, brother of the said John, and the heirs of his body ; reversion to the grantor, his heirs and assigns. Witnesses : Thomas Tannere, Nicholas Crystesham, Thomas Orum, John Cokhull, and John Frye. Dated, Wells, 10 Dec., 19 Ric. II.

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Round seal: a shield charged with a chevron between three keys [?].

486. 1395.—Grant by John Wareyn, canon of Wells, to Thomas Kyngesbury, and the heirs of his body, of a tenement in Byestwalles, Wells, rent 1*d.* or one rose; remainder to John Kingesbury, clerk, and the heirs of his body; reversion to the grantor, his heirs and assigns. Witnesses: as in no. 485. Dated, Wells, 10 December, 19 Ric. II.

Oval seal: in a gothic border, a figure holding a branch of flowers and kneeling before the Virgin and Child; PRIET : PVR : CESSYLE : DE : RAMESTONE.

487. 1395.—Power of attorney by John Wareyn, canon of Wells, to Master Richard Horsseford and John Arthur the younger, clerks, to deliver seisin to Thomas Kingesbury, clerk [*sic*], of the property granted by no. 486. Witnesses: as no. 485. Dated, Wells, 10 Dec., 19 Ric. II.

Oval seal, as no. 486.

488. 1396.—Grant by John Wareyn, canon of Wells, to Master Robert Sloo, canon of the same, John Arthur of Bysshopworth the younger, and Thomas Turney of Tadewyk, their heirs and assigns, of a tenement and garden, with 5 shops, in Byestewalles, Wells; and all his lands in the fields of Wells; also a rent of 20*s.* from a tenement which Lucy Pirons holds in Byestewalles, and the reversion thereof; also rents of 2*d.* or two roses from two tenements there, which John and Thomas Kyngesbury hold, and the reversion thereof; also a rent of 8*s.* 6*d.* from two messuages, etc., in the same street, and the reversion thereof; also a rent of 1*d.* from a messuage and fishpond [*pissinum*] in Mill Lane, and the reversion thereof; and a rent and reversion in Woky. Witnesses: John Pedurton, Thomas Tannere, Nicholas Cristesham, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 6 April, 19 Ric. II.

Oval seal, as no. 486.

489. 1396.—Grant by Ralph Erghum, bishop of Bath and Wells, to the dean and chapter of Wells, of the advowson of the church of Pokelchurch. Dated, Banewell, 2 Nov., 20 Ric. II.

Mutilated.

490. 1397.—Ratification by Tidman [de Winchecumbe], bishop of Worcester, of the appropriation of the church of Pokulchurche, in the diocese of Worcester, to the canons of Wells, given to them by Pope Boniface IX. Dated, Helyndon, 30 June, 1397.

491. 1397.—Fragment of a deed by the dean and chapter, apparently recording the appropriation of the church of Pukelchurch, and the settlement of a pension, issuing therefrom, upon the bishop of Worcester. Dated, . . . 1397.

1397–1401.

492. [1397–1401.]—Lease by the president and chapter of Wells, Henry Beauford, the dean, being abroad, to John Russell, of a messuage in Chamberleynstrete, Wells, for 60 years ; rent 10*s*. Witnesses : John Panes of Purrigg, Richard Vyrgo, Thomas Tannere, Thomas Hore, [and others]. Dated Wells, [date not filled in].

493. [1377–99.]—Release by Robert . . . ynch [? Stykelynch], to John Asschewyk the elder, Alice his wife, and John Asschewyk the younger, clerk, their heirs and assigns, of all lands, etc., in Stykelynch, late of Walter Dynre. Dated, . . Oct., . . Ric. II. *Mutilated.*

Round seal : on a shield, a boar's head to the dexter in chief, in base an estoile.

494. [*cir.* 1386–99.]—Acquittance by Robert Scheterne, clerk, to Thomas Newman, and others, vicars of Wells, for 100*s*. pension. Dated, Wells, 12th day after the beginning of Easter, . . Ric. II.

495. [1377–99.]—Indenture between William, prior of the cathedral church, and the convent of Bath, and John Trethek, esq., whereby the latter provides for the celebration of his obit in the priory church, and other services. Dated, Chapterhouse, Bath, 23 Sept., . . Ric. II. *Mutilated.*

496.—Memorandum of various expenses *apud Yewlle, in prandio, post prandium*, &c. On the back *memorandum de vs. receptis de J. Bocland t*[*empore ?*] *vacatione vicariæ quam W. Cary tenuit per archidiaconum Tauntonie*[*?*].

497. [Late 14th cent.]—Acquittance by William . . . to the [dean and chapter of] Wells, for 7*s*. 7*d*. due in regard to the church of Burnham, &c., for two years in arrear. Dated, Wells, xv kal. . . . *Mutilated.*

Fragments of pointed oval seal ; laureated bust to the right from an oval gem, set between a star in chief and a crescent in base.

498. 1400.—Appointment by Thomas de Byngham, subdean and president, and the chapter of Wells (Nicholas Slake, dean, being abroad) of Master Roger Harewell, archdeacon of Bath, and Master Walter Wyncaulton, together with William Cary and William Southbrokes, monks of Bath, on the part of the priory, to present a petition to King Henry IV for leave to elect a bishop to the see, which is vacant by the death of Ralph Ergum. Dated, Wells Chapterhouse, 22 April, 1400.

Fragments of the seal of the dean and chapter.

499. 1400.—Pardon by King Henry IV, for 20 marks, to Humfrey Stafford, knt., Thomas Stawell, knt., John Juyn, John Warre, Hugh Pyke, Hugh Cary, Robert Geffrey,

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John Bavent, William Gascoigne of Brokley, and Martin Jacob, for having acquired without royal license the hundred of Exton, with a third part of the manors of Exton and Neuton Plecy, with remainder of the advowsons of the third part of the church of Haukerigg and the free chapel of Neuton Plecy, Somerset; and confirmation of the same. [John Garton had held the property in chief from Richard II. A complicated series of grants and surrenders is set in out detail.] Dated, 25 June, 1 Hen. IV.

500. 1400.—Release by Richard Cliderowe, esq., John Campeden, clerk, John Ikelyngton, clerk, and William Norton, citizen and clothier of London, to John Garton, esq., of Kent, his heirs and assigns, of all their right to all lands, etc., which they lately had by feoffment of the said John Garton in London, Kent, Surrey, Middlesex, Southamptonshire, Lincolnshire, Somerset, and Devon. Dated, 20 October, 2 Hen. IV.

Four seals: (1) round; a double rose.

(2) Oval; an acorn [?].

(3) Octagonal; a heart, motto uncertain.

(4) Octagonal; on a shield, a merchant's mark, and the letters W.N.

501. 1401.—Surrender by Richard Mayn to John Garton, esq., and his heirs, of all his lands, etc., in Nyweton Plesy and Exton, which John had lately granted to Richard for life. Dated, Westminster, 2 May, 2 Hen. IV.

Round seal: the sacred monogram, IHC, surmounted by a cross.

502. 1401–2.—Agreement between the dean and chapter and John Mountagu. There have been suits between them in the king's court, yet undecided, touching a fishery, which Mountagu claims of right by reason of his lands and tenements in the manor of Northcory, in the water of [Tone], which water the dean and chapter have had as their several fishery, time out of mind, etc. Montagu admits that he has no right to the fishery, etc., but reserves certain rights of common and estovers; he and his heirs will not fish in the fishery nor hunt nor hawk in the dean and chapter's warren at Northcory without special license; he binds himself and his heirs in 10 marks to observe this agreement. Witnesses: Thomas Brooks, William Bonvyle, Walter Rodenye, and Baldwin Malet, knts., [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday in the second week in Lent, 3 Hen. IV.

503. 1402.—Licence by Henry [IV] to John Bockyng the elder to grant to the dean and chapter of Wells 2 messuages and 3 tofts in Wells, to the use of the resident vicars, notwithstanding the statute of mortmain; for a fine of 10*s.* paid by the dean and chapter. Dated, Westminster, 5 May, 3rd year.

1402.

Fair example of the great seal, imperfect. Indorsed: *Carta domini regis pro tenementis Johannis Bockyng in Southover.*

504. 1402.—Grant by Henry [Bowet], bishop of Bath and Wells, to the dean and chapter of Wells, of the houses, etc., which Richard Ferour and Agnes Riche late held of the bishop for their lives, in the middle of High st. [*in medio alti vici*], Wells, opposite Le Horslane, to the use and support of the vicars, paying 20*s.* yearly to the bishops for all services; a vicar shall celebrate a requiem mass daily for the soul of Ralph de Shrovesbury, late bishop of Bath and Wells, at the altar of Corpus Christi in the cathedral; and for the good estate of the grantor while he lives, with the proper collect, *Deus, qui caritatis dona,* and for his soul after his death, with the collect, *Inclina, domine.* Dated, Wells, Sunday the morrow of the nativity of St. John Baptist, 3 Hen. IV.

505. 1402.—Release by Joan Ryche, late wife of Thomas Ryche of Wells, to the dean and chapter of Wells, for the support of the vicars, of all her right to a *placea* in the middle of the High street, Wells, opposite La Horslane, which the said Thomas and Joan had by grant from Ralph [Erghum], late bishop of Bath and Wells. *Et quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum, sigillum officii magistri communitatis burgi Well' ad meum specialem rogatum presentibus est appensum.* Witnesses: John Blythe, master of the commonalty of the borough of Wells, Thomas Hore, John Broun, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Monday after the nativity of St. John Baptist, 3 Hen. IV.

Two seals. (1) Round; a hare riding on a dog and blowing a horn; S . . . ROVD.

(2) Round; a tree upon a bank with water in the foreground, with birds on the branches, two storks fishing (?) and in the field two human heads; S' OFFICII SENESCALLI COMVNITATIS BVRGI WELLIE.

506. 1402.—Release by Richard Ferour, burgess of Wells, to the dean and chapter of Wells, to the use of the vicars of the cathedral church, of all his right to a place or fabric in the middle of the High Street, Wells, opposite La Horslane. Witnesses: John Blythe, master of the commonalty of the borough, Thomas Hore, Roger Chepman, Walter Deighere, Thomas Piggeslegh, burgesses. Dated, Wells, 3 July, 3 Hen. IV. *Et quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum,* etc.

Two broken seals. (1) Two hands clasped and two stars. Legend indistinct.

(2) As no. 505, (2).

507. 1402.—Grant by Richard Harewell, canon of Wells, to Thomas, dean, and the chapter of Wells, of a messuage in Newstreet, Wells, which he had of the feoffment of

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John Bovyndon, and he of Master Richard Horsford. Witnesses: Masters Roger Harewell, Ralph Canon, canons of Wells, John Russell, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 1 Aug., 3 Hen. IV;

Octagonal seal; a heart placed upon a larger one, the large one inscribed with some letters.

508. 1402.—Power of attorney by Richard Harewell, canon, to William Hope, clerk, to deliver seisin to the dean and chapter of Wells, of the tenement granted by no. 507. Dated, Wells, 3 Aug., 3 Hen. IV.

Seal as no. 507.

509. 1402.—Lease by the president and chapter of Wells (the dean being abroad) to Master John Tyssebury, canon of Wells, for life, of a tenement in Chamberlain st., Wells; rent free for 5 years, afterwards 20*s*. Dated, Wells, Michaelmas, 3 Hen. IV.

Round seal; I T in monogram.

510. 1402.—Release by Thomas Brokampton and Robert Langbrok, to Rouland Rake and Margery his wife, of all their right to lands and tenements at La Fenne in the parish of Mertok, Somerset. Witnesses: William Bonevylle, knight, Hugh Pyke, Robert Geffreys, [and others]. Dated, Mertok, Friday, feast of St. Faith, Virgin, 4 Hen. IV.

511. 1403.—Lease by Sir John Bockyng the elder, Sir John Alampton, vicars of the cathedral church, Wells, and principals of the common hall of the New Close of the vicars, and all the vicars of the same place, to Thomas Consel, Cristina his wife, and Robert their son, for their lives, of a messuage in Southover, Wells; rent, a rose for the first four years, and afterwards 4*s*. The lessees are to rebuild one moiety of the house within two years, and the other moiety with a further two years. Witnesses: Robert Consel, William Smyzt, John Monsel, [and others]. Dated, Wells, nativity of St. John Baptist, 4 Hen. IV.

Round seal; the letter W.

512. 1403.—Will of John Mylwarde, son of William Mylwarde of Dyndre; his body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Cuthbert's, Wells. Some small legacies. Executors, William Mylward my father and John Mylward my elder brother. Dated, Sunday before the Nativity of the Virgin, 1403.

Probate, 17 September, same year.

513. 1417.—Grant by John Alampton and Thomas atte Wode, chaplains, to Isabel widow of Thomas Tannere of Wells, her heirs and assigns, of a *celarium* with shops, solars, houses and chambers built above, in Sadeler strete, in the southern corner of the cathedral churchyard, opposite the

high cross, between the market place on the south, the tenement of the *annuellarii*, newly built, and by them lately acquired from William Northlode, on the north, the churchyard on the east and the highway on the west, which *celarium*, etc., we lately had of the gift of the said Isabel. Witnesses: Richard Settere, master of the town of Wells, Walter Dyer, Hildebrond Elwell, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Thursday after St. Andrew, apostle, 5 Hen. V.

Oval seal; a crowned figure or saint.

514. 1406.—Undertaking by the dean and chapter of Wells, to Walter Wyncaulton, canon, prebendary of Warmenistre *alias* Luxevyle,—who has delivered to Roger Melles and John Pagenham, perpetual vicars and principals of the common hall of vicars, the sum of 100*l.*, a chalice, a missal, and a vestment, &c., for the adorning of an altar before the rood in the cathedral on the north side of the high bell-tower—to supply a commemoration service for the said Walter, Ralph de Shrewsbury, late bishop, and others; the vicar celebrating to be paid 12*d.* a week, to be paid out of the rent of our new tenement commonly called Le Vykershyn, near La Horspole. Dated, Wells Chapterhouse, 9 Sept., 1406, 7 Hen. IV.

515. 1406.—Duplicate of no. 514.

Oval seal; the Virgin and Child, before them a kneeling figure, over whose head is the legend S . . . A . . . W [?]; MATER DEI MISERERE MEI.

516. 1406.—General release by Edmund Bys, John Boreham, and Thomas Loche, citizen of London, to John Garton, esq. Dated, London, Christmas eve, 8 Hen. IV.

Three seals; (1) round; in tracery, a merchant's mark.

(2) Oval; a crowned I between two sprigs.

(3) Octagonal; IHC on a rosette.

517. 1407.—Lease by William Powpe of Doltecote, to John Tropenell [?] and Edith his wife, of a tenement and lands in the vill of Doltecote, for 40 years; rent 6*s.* 8*d.* to William while he lives; if he die within the 40 years, then 2*s.* yearly to the chief lords, and suit of court twice a year at Wylleslegh. Witnesses: John Prentyse, Thomas Webbe, and Henry Bukke. Dated, Doltecote, Pentecost, 8 Hen. IV.

Round seal; an eagle preying on a bird; legend uncertain.

518. 1407.—Defeasance of a bond given by Thomas Gereward [?], priest, to the dean and chapter of Wells, in 40*l.*, for due performance of his duties as vicar of Pokelchurche, diocese of Worcester. Dated, 19 Oct., 9 Hen. IV.

Octagonal signet; I S in monogram.

519. 1408.—Lease by Ralph Vernay, to John Babbe [?] the younger, Isabel his wife, and Eleanour their daughter,

for their lives, of ½ acre of meadow in Yeartemore in the parish of Stokecuccy; rent 12*d.* Witnesses: John Caux, John Beer, Walter Caux, [and others]. Dated, Stokecuccy, Thursday before St. Mark, 9 Hen. IV.

520. 1411.—Lease by the president, in the absence of the dean, and the chapter of Wells, to David Cook *alias* Rode of Pokelchurche, co. Gloucester, for 40 years, of a close called Trottesmore in the parish of Pokelchurche; rent 6*s.* 8*d.*; he is to clear the ground of trees and roots, etc. The said David and Walter Lypeyat of Pokelchurche bind themselves in 10*l.* to observe the terms of the said lease. Dated, Wells, the Translation of St. Thomas, martyr, 12 Hen. IV.

Two seals. (1) A fleur-de-lis, motto uncertain.
(2) Initial letters W.G. [?].

521. 1410.—Grant by Ralph Vernay, to Richard Schyrrefelde, John Blaste, John Halsam, James Cnotteforde, Nicholas Latemere, John Huelet, and others, their heirs and assigns, of all messuages, lands, etc., in Edeston in the parish of Stokecursy, formerly of John Vernay the elder, and lands in Stovordefelde near the cross upon Edelmesdon, and half a burgage in Stokecursy, in the hundred of Canyngton. Witnesses: Baldwin Malet, knt., William Powlet of Bere, Thomas Trowe, [and others]. Dated, Stokecursy, Thursday after the nativity of the Virgin, 11 Hen. IV.

522. 1410.—Release by Ralph Vernay of the same property as no. 521, to the same persons. Witnesses: John Willyng, vicar of Stokecursy, William Lucas, Henry Pyncou, [and others]. Dated, Stokecursy, Tuesday after St. Matthew the Apostle, 11 Hen. IV.

Round seal; a heart in outline, combined with a fleur-de-lis reversed, and surmounted by a crown.

523. 1411–2.—Release by John son of John Peny, to the dean and chapter of Wells, of all his right to a toft and a small garden in Byestwall, Wells. *Et quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum, etc. Et ego, Henricus Maundeware, magister burgensium ville de* [*Well', cum*] *voluntate et assensu omnium burgensium ville predicte, sigillum commune predictum ad personalem rogatum dicti Johannis Peny presentibus apposui.* Witnesses: John Russel, John Horewode, Walter Dyer, [and others]. Dated, Wells, . . March, 12 Hen. IV. *Mutilated.*

524. 1412.—Lease by Thomas [Wayfere; see no. 579] and Anderna his wife, to Roger Wyx of Wells, for 5 [?] years, of a vacant place or area at Wokyhole; rent . . . Witnesses: Henry Maundeware, then master of the town of Wells, William Wyx, William Selewode, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Friday [?] before Trinity, 13 Hen. IV. *Mutilated.*

1412–1413.

525. 1412.—Lease by John Alamton, William Mayou, and Walter Mone, to Agnes Rabas, sister of Ralph de Ergom, late bishop of Bath and Wells, and Alice Rabas, for their lives, of a tenement in Isakes mede, in a street called Froggelane, Wells, which we (together with John Pakenham) lately had by the feoffment of Agnes and Alice ; reversion to the grantors, on the terms of an indenture dated 7 Feb., 6 Henry IV. Witnesses : Thomas Calston, William Westbury, Robert Crok, [and others]. Dated, St. Bartholomew's day, 13 Hen. IV.

Three seals. (1) In a gothic niche, St. Katherine with her wheel, with a suppliant kneeling before her ; . . . KAT'INE.

(2) A crowned w.

(3) St. Michael the archangel overcoming the dragon, in the field the letters T T [?] ; S. RICARDI DE HICHE . . . [?].

526. 1413.—Grant by John Arthur of Bysshopworth, to John Wellesleygh *alias* Wareyn and Elizabeth his wife, their heirs and assigns, of all his lands, etc., in the street called Byestewalles and in the fields of Wells, and a stone wall in that street between my tenement in which Warin de Welleslegh late dwelt and the tenement formerly of Walter Hulle, which John Wareyn, canon of Wells, lately purchased from William Ewayn of Modeford, Walter's kinsman and heir ; also property at Woky ; all of which, Arthur, Robert Sloo, clerk, and Thomas Turney of Taddewyk, deceased, lately had of the feoffment of the said John Wareyn. Witnesses : Walter Rodeneye, Thomas Fypayn, knts., [and others]. Dated, 23 June, 1 Hen. V.

527. 1413.—Power of attorney by John Wellesleygh *alias* Wareyn, to Walter Gryffyn and William Chyld, to receive seisin of the lands, etc., in Wells and Woky, granted to him by John Arthur of Bysshepworth. Dated, 23 June, 1 Hen. V.

528. 1413.—Grant by Hugh Sebot, John Shillyngford and Richard Dunsterre, chaplains, Thomas Brokhampton and William Shourt, to Margery, relict of Rolland Rake, her heirs and assigns, of a messuage and a carucate of land and 20 acres of meadow in Mertok, Somerset, which they lately had of the gift of the said Rolland and Margery by fine. Witnesses : Thomas Brook, Thomas Beauchamp, knts., Roger Seymour, Thomas Sampson, [and others]. Dated, 1 Aug., 1 Hen. V.

Four seals ; (1) Round ; H S in monogram, crowned.

(2) The letter R.

(3) An Agnus Dei ; ECCE AGNVS DEI.

(4) Octagonal signet ; on a mount, a tree ; Willi Short.

529.—Duplicate of no. 528. *Mutilated.*

Three seals ; (1) and (2), as no. 528, (1) and (2).

(3) Oval ; St. Michael overcoming the Dragon ; legend uncertain.

1413–1415.

530. 1413.—Power of attorney by Hugh Sebot, John Shillyngford, Richard Dunsterr, chaplains, Thomas Brokhampton, and William Shourt to John Pertriche, clerk, John Poyntyngton and William Presford, to deliver seisin to Margery relict of Rolland Rake, of a messuage and land in Mertok. Dated, 2 Aug., 1 Hen. V. *Mutilated.*

Round seal; as no. 528, (1).

531. 1413.—Lease by John Arthur of Bysshopworth, to Robert Honythorn, of 2 shops newly built in Byestewalles, Wells, for 50 years; rent 3*s.* 4*d.* Witnesses: John Toner, William Niter, [and others]. Dated, 15 Aug., Friday after Assumption of the Virgin, 1 Hen. V.

532. 1413.—Lease by John Alampton and John [Marchel] principals of the New Close, &c., to William Baleh *alias* Pateweyn and John and Robert, his sons, for their lives, of land [place not stated]; rent 12*s.* 6*d.* Dated, Mertok, Feast of St. Katherine, Virgin, 1 Hen. V.

Round seal; a lombardie M.

533. 1413.—Lease by John Alampton and John Marchel, perpetual vicars of Wells Cathedral and principals of the New Close, to Thomas Hayward and Christine his wife,* John Cade and Alice, his wife, and William their son, for their lives, of land in La Venne; rent 24*s.* Dated, Mertok, Feast of St. Katherine, Virgin, 1 Hen. V.

Three seals; (1) I S in monogram.
(2) Doubtful letter, perhaps D.
(3) Same as (1).

534. 1414.—Lease by John Alampton and John Marchell, perpetual vicars of Wells, and principals of the New Close, to Hugh Kene, Agnes his wife, and William and Elizabeth their children, for their lives, of a close of land at Le Fenne in the parish of Mertok, and a house and barn there; rent 13*s.* 4*d.* Witnesses: Hugh Pyke, Robert Geffray, William Schort, [and others]. Dated, Mertok, feast of St. James, Apostle, 2 Hen. V.

Oval signet; a crowned T.

535. 1414–15.—Lease by Isabel Tanner, widow of Thomas Tanner of Wells, to John Parker *alias* Barbour, burgess of Wells, Joan his wife, and John their son, for their lives, of a shop with a solar above it, and half a cellar, in the corner opposite the high cross in the north [*sic*] part of Sadeler Street, Wells; rent 23*s.* 4*d.* Witnesses: Walter Dyer, master of the town of Wells, John Horewode, John Wycombe, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 20 Jan., 2 Hen. V.

Round seal; a ship (broken).

* These two names are crossed out when they first occur, but not elsewhere.

1402–1415.

536. 1415.—Power of attorney by John Tobatte, to Master Ralph Canon, canon of Wells, and Roger Chapman, to deliver to Robert Burgh, clerk, his heirs and assigns, seisin of a cottage in Doultecote, and plots of land in the same and Wells-Forum. Dated, Wells, 21 April, 3 Hen. V.

Oval seal; an elaborate merchant's mark.

537. 1402.—Power of attorney by Thomas de Byngham, subdean of Wells, and president of the chapter in the absence of the dean, to Sirs John Bovyngdon and John Alampton, perpetual vicars of the church, to receive from Henry [Bowet], bishop of Bath and Wells, for the support of the vicars, seisin of houses, etc., which Richard Ferour and Agnes Riche held for their lives of the said bishop, in the middle of High Street, Wells, opposite La Horslane. Dated, Chapterhouse, Monday, the eve of the Assumption of the Virgin, 3 Hen. IV. See no. 504.

538. 1415.—To all, etc., Thomas Byngham, subdean, Gregory Butleigh and Thomas Frome, canons, and John Bovyngdon, vicar, now deceased, and John Alampton and John Axbrigge, vicars, now surviving, Greeting eternal in the Lord! Whereas John Waryn, late canon, enfeoffed us of all his lands, tenements, etc., in the town and parish of Wells, to fulfil his will and ordinance for a daily mass in the cathedral church at the altar of St. Mary Magdalen, called "Waryn's masse," by his charter dated 19 Richard II [1395, see no. 483]: we, the said John Alampton and John Axbrigge, have enfeoffed Master John Bernard and Master John Storthwayte, canons of Wells, John Newman, John Axmyster, John Knocston and John Pedewell, vicars, in all those lands, tenements, reversions, etc., late of the said John Waryn, to hold to them, their heirs and assigns, of the chief lords, by the accustomed services, to fulfill and perform the ordinances of the said John with regard to the said mass. Witnesses: John Panes of Purigge, John Toner, [and others]. Dated, SS. Simon and Jude, 3 Hen. V.

Two seals; (1) Oval; a crowned monogram, ? c o.

(2) Round; a bust to the dexter.

539. 1415.—Power of attorney by John Alempton and John Axbrigge, vicars of the cathedral, Wells, and feoffees of the lands, etc., of John Waryn, to John Morton and Thomas Holgode, to take possession of the lands, etc., of the above John Waryn, canon of Wells, in Wells, and deliver seisin thereof to Master John Bernard and Master John Storthwayte, canons of Wells, and John Newman, John Axmyster, John Knocstone, and John Pedewell, vicars. Dated, SS. Simon and Jude, 3 Hen. V.

Oval seal; a bust to the dexter.

540. 1415.—Bond by John Kyng, tailor, of Wells, and Richard Melers, "setter," of the same, to Thomas Kyngesbury,

in 40*l*., that the above John and Elizabeth his wife will abide by the arbitration of Ralph Canon and Thomas Shelford, canons of Wells, and John Horewode and Richard Pyers, burgesses, concerning lands in Wells, Bestwallys, late of John Waryn, canon. John Alampton, chaplain and vicar, to be umpire. Dated, 10 Dec., 3 Hen. V.

Octagonal seal ; R M in monogram.

541. 1415–16.—Lease by William Moleyns to John Abbat and Isabel his wife, for their lives, of a messuage and 6 ac. of land in Purystrete ; rent 5*s*. and doing suit at my court, as my other tenants do. Witnesses : William Dygoun, John Hounte, William William, [and others]. Dated, Purystrete, 31 Jan., 3 Hen. V.

542. 1416.—Defeasance of a statute staple for 300*l*., made by Richard Bruton, clerk, and William Gascoigne of Briggewater, to John Garton, esq., before Richard Whityngton, mayor of the staple of Westminster, relating to the hundred of Exton, the third part of the manors of Newton Plecy and Exton, the advowsons of the church of Haukerigg and the chapel of Newton Plecy, and lands in Bruton, Meryet, Langport, Briggewater, Chelton, Northboure, Westboure, Cheselade, Compton-Dunden, Cosyngton, Astington and Canyngton. Dated, 2 June, 4 Hen. V.

Seal (fragmentary) ; a shield of arms, in a gothic border, [? a chevron between 3 heads].

543. 1416.—Grant by John Kynge of Wells and Elizabeth his wife, to Stephen Merschton, Robert Herry, and others, their heirs and assigns, of all their lands and tenements, etc., in Wells and Woky. Witnesses : Richard Settere, John Horewode, Richard Perys, [and others]. Dated, Wells, Saturday after the nativity of St. John Baptist, 4 Hen. V.

544. 1416.—Power of attorney by John Kyng, burgess of Wells, and Elizabeth his wife, to Richard Milton and William Broun, tailors, burgesses of Wells, to deliver seisin of the lands and tenements mentioned in no. 543. Dated, as no. 543.

545. 1416–17.—Release by Thomas Litewyne of Sutton, Surrey, to Richard Bruton, clerk, and William Gascoigne of Briggewater, Somerset, their heirs and assigns, of all his right to the hundred of Exton, and the third part of the manors of Newton Plecy and Exton, and of the advowsons of Hawkerygg church and the free chapel of Newton Plecy, which John Garton of Eryth, Kent, esq., granted to the said Richard and William by fine, after the death of Richard Mayn, who held them for life from the said John. Dated, 1 Feb., 4 Hen. V.

Oval signet ; a lombardic T crowned.

1417.

546. 1417.—Power of attorney by James Halap, esq., executor of the testament of Master Ralph Tregrision, late dean of Exeter, to Master John Wareyn, LL.B., to settle with the vicars of Wells, with respect to the obits and masses of Masters Stephen Penpel and Ralph Tregrision, with full power to deliver seisin of rents, houses, etc., in Moneryslane, Wells. Dated, Exeter, 7 Oct., 5 Hen. V, 1417.

Oval signet ; a lombardic A.

547. 1417.—Grant by James Halopp, esq., of Cornwall, to John Orum, John Roland, John Knyght, John Alampton, William Purs, Robert Burgh, and John Smyth, clerks, their heirs and assigns, of all that lane or place in Wells, called Moneryslane, with the tofts and cottages adjoining, of which Master Ralph Tregresion, late dean of Exceter, enfeoffed the said James, together with Thomas Tredewer and Thomas Guynow, clerks, now deceased. Witnesses : Richard Setter, master or warden of Wells, Thomas Weye, Hilbrand Elewill, [and others]. Dated, 10 Nov., 5 Hen. V.

Seal as no. 546.

548. 1417.—Power of attorney by James Halopp to Reynold Bryte and John Waryn, clerks, to deliver seisin of the property mentioned in no. 547. Witnesses : Peter Sturte, John Mulys, Thomas Forde, [and others]. Dated, 10 Nov., 5 Hen. V.

Seal as no. 546.

549. 1417.—Release by John Verney, son and heir of John Verney, to John Huelet, Robert Skerne, John Blast and Richard Shirfeld, and the heirs and assigns of Richard, of all right to lands, etc., in Edeston, Stofordfeld and Stokecurcy, late belonging to Ralph Verney, his brother. Witnesses : William Poulet of Bere, William Cosse, William Hastyng, [and others]. Dated, Stokecurcy, 14 Nov., 5 Hen. V.

550. 1417.—Agreement made between the Ven. John Alampton and William Purs, perpetual vicars of Wells, and the other vicars of the one part, and John Wareyn, clerk, attorney of James Halopp, esq. [*scutifer*], of Cornwall, of the other part, whereby the said James will grant to Alampton and Purs, their heirs and assigns, the lane called Moneryslane, with its tofts and cottages, to be granted by them to the dean and chapter of Wells, to the use of the vicars, on condition of an anniversary being kept on the eve of the Purification every year, for the soul of Stephen Penpell, late dean, with solemn *placebo* and *dirige* and tolling of the bell [*cum classico pulsando*], on the evening before, and with a solemn mass on the morrow ; and another similar anniversary on the eve of St. James the apostle, for the soul of Ralph Tregresion, late dean of Exeter ; and of distributing half a mark on each occasion among the

clerks of the cathedral; and the vicars every day, at the altar of Corpus Christi near the tomb of the said Stephen, during the mass for the soul of Ralph de Shrewsbury, late bishop of Bath, shall cause to be said a special collect for the souls of the said Stephen and of Ralph de Tregresion; etc. Witnesses: Masters John Hody, precentor, William Langbroke, treasurer, Richard Harewell and Ralph Canon, canons of Wells, Richard Settere, Simon Bayly, Hildebrand Ellewell and Thomas Wey, burgesses of Wells. Dated, Wells, Monday after St. Denis, 1417, 5 Hen. V.

Two seals. (1) Round; on a mount a lamb passant reguardant; AS MEKE AS A LAMBE.

(2) Round; within a cusped hexagon, a shield of arms; per pale, dexter, three swords, on a chief, a lion passant guardant; sinister, an open right hand couped at the wrist, in pale; S. THOMASE DERNBAVDE [?].

551. 1417.—Counterpart of no. 550.
Witnesses and date as no. 550.

552. 1418.—Power of attorney by Isabel Tannere, widow of Thomas Tannere of Wells, to Henry Hoggys and Thomas Walsingham, clerk, to deliver to Richard Mylton *alias* Tayllour, burgess of Wells, seisin of a burgage, &c., at the south end of Sadeler st., Wells, opposite the high cross there, called "La Condyt," adjoining on the north to a burgage of the *annuellarii* newly built, and lately acquired by the dean and chapter from William Northlode, and to Sadeler st. on the west; to hold, after the death of Isabel, to Richard Mylton and Margery his wife, and the heirs and assigns of Richard. Dated, Wells, 7 April, 6 Hen. V.

Round seal; a ship. Legend indecipherable.

553. 1418.—Lease by Stephen Merston and Robert Herrys of Glastonbury, to Robert Pade, weaver, Alice his wife, and Agnes their daughter, for their lives, of a tenement and garden in Byestwalles, Wells Forum; rent 6*s.* 8*d.* Lessees are to newly build a house, 14ft. by 10ft. Witnesses: Richard Setter, master of the town of Wells, John Cutte, Richard Sprot, [and others]. Dated, Wells, St. George's day, 6 Hen. V.

Oval seal; the letter M crowned.

554. 1418.—Power of attorney by John Wareyn, clerk, dean of the church of St. Karentoc, to Master John Orum, S.T.P., canon of Wells, to give seisin of rents, houses, etc., in Wells, Moneryxlane. Dated, Wells, 18 May, 1418, 6 Hen. V.

Round seal; in a gothic quatrefoil, a crowned heart between two flowers; PVR LEL AMER CORONE . . . Y A LE EVER [?].

555. [1418.]—Lease by Reynold Kentewode and John Sutbury, clerks, to William Gascoigne of Briggewater, of the

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reversion of all lands, rents, etc., in Newton Plecy and Exton, etc., which Richard Mayn holds for life. Witnesses: Richard Cheddre, Matthew Coker, and Richard Boyton. Dated, Tuesday after St. John Baptist, 6 [Hen. V?]. *Injured by damp; partly illegible.*

Two round seals. (1) A rose of six petals, each charged with an ermine-spot [?]; S' REGINALDI KENTEWODE CLERICI. (2) A double rose.

556. 1419.—Exemplification by Branda, cardinal priest of St. Clement, and chancellor of the Roman church, of certain constitutions agreed upon by Pope Martin V, and accepted by the council of Constance, for the reformation of the English church and of that of the lands and lordships of Ireland and Wales. Dated, Florence, *in domo habitacionis nostræ*, 1419, Indict. 12, 17 April, 2nd year of the pope.

557. 1420.—Release by William Norton, citizen and clothier of London, to William Gascoigne, William Poulet, Hugh Kene, and Robert Burgh, clerk, and the heirs and assigns of Gascoigne, of all his claim to lands which the said William Poulet, Hugh and Robert hold of William Gascoigne, during the life of Richard Mayn, at a rent of 12*l.*, in Neweton Plecy, Exton, and elsewhere in Somerset. Dated, 3 Nov., 8 Hen. V.

Seal; W N on a shield, a + or merchant's mark above it.

558. 1420.—Grant by William Norton, citizen and clothier of London, to William Wynard, Matthew Coker and Thomas Gascoigne, and the heirs and assigns of Thomas, of a rent of 12*l.* which Richard Mayn pays for lands in Somerset, held by him for life by grant of John Garton, esq., with reversion after Richard's death. Witnesses: Thomas Stowell, knt., Robert Hille, Richard Boyton, and Hugh Cary. Dated, 16 Nov., 8 Hen. V.

Seal, as no. 557.

559. 1420.—Lease by John Alampton and John Chamber, vicars of the cathedral of Wells and principals of the New Close, to Robert Cade, Agnes his wife, and Isabel their daughter, for their lives, of a meadow of 5 ac. and a lane leading to it as far as "Les Garres"; rent 18*s.*, and paying a contribution to the church of Mertok *quantum pertinet pro tanta tenura*, and doing suit once a year at our court. Dated, Mertok, St. Katherine the virgin, 8 Hen. V.

Three seals. (1) Hexagonal; I S in monogram.

(2) Hexagonal; the letter T.

(3) Hexagonal; a heart, from which spring three slipped quatrefoils.

560. 1420–21.—Release by William Norton, citizen and clothier of London, to William Gascoigne, of 12*l.* rent from

lands which William Poulet, Hugh Kene, and Robert Burgh, clerk, hold in Neweton Plecy, Exton, and elsewhere in Somerset, on lease from Richard Mayn during his life, with reversion after his death. Dated, 8 Hen. V.

Seal, as no. 557.

561. 1421.—Indented defeasance of a bond of 40*l.* made to the dean and chapter of Wells by Robert Yevelton, knt., on condition of his observing the arbitration made by the dean, Master John Hody, Master William Lambrok, Master Roger Harewell, Sir Robert Wodehele, and Sir John Roulond, canons of Wells, respecting a rent of 19½*d.* of lands late held by Simon Domerham of Northcory, Somerset. Dated, 25 May, 9 Hen. V.

Round seal, broken; ? an eagle rising.

562. 1421–22.—Surrender by Richard Mayn of Culee, Wilts, to William Gascoigne of Briggewater, his heirs and assigns, of all right which he has in lands and tenements and the advowsons of Haukerigge church and Newton Plesy free chapel, which he lately had by demise for life from John Garton in Newton Plesy and Exton, Somerset; except certain lands which the said Richard lately leased to William Poulet of Melcombe, Robert Burgh, clerk, and Hugh Kene. William is to pay 26*s.* 8*d.* yearly. Dated, 16 Feb., 9 Hen. V.

Seal; a right hand; legend indecipherable.

563. 1422.—Release by Richard Reed, to Richard Harewelle, clerk, William Hoddesfeld, Alexander Lynde, William Paston of Paston, and Thomas Poye, clerk, and their heirs, of all his right to the manors of Brandeston, Charesfeld and Westerfeld, Suffolk; the manors of Oxeburgh, Shipdene and Ryston, and 100 acres of land, 40 acres of pasture and 20*s.* rent in Salthous, Berton, Byndych and Henstede, Norfolk; and the manors of Radewelle, Compton Dureville, Hossokmore, and Loxton, Somerset; which Richard and the others lately had of the gift and quit-claim of Joan, widow of John Strecche, esq., according to the form of a certain fine. Dated, 5 July, 10 Hen. V.

564. 1422.—Agreement between John King and Elizabeth his wife of the one part and Thomas Kynggesbury of the other part, made by the mediation of Robert Hill of Spaxton; the Kings will grant by a fine a cottage in Wells Byestwalles and lands there to Thomas Kynggesbury, his heirs and assigns, and he will grant them another cottage and lands, for their lives, as well as a rent of 18*s.* yearly; etc. Dated, Wells, Thursday before St. Bartholomew, 10 Hen. V.

Oval seal; a lion dormant beneath a tree; AMI AMET LEL AME AVET [?].

565. 1422.—Exemplification by John [Chaundeler], bishop of Salisbury, at the request of Master Roger Harewell,

archdeacon of Bath, canon of Wells, &c., of the letters apostolic of Pope Martin [V] in favour of the privileges of the dean and chapter of Wells. Dated, Rome, at St. Mary the greater, id. Oct., *anno* 5.

With certification of John de Okeborne, clerk, of the diocese of Salisbury, notary public, and his notarial *signum*.

Much injured by damp.

566. 1422.—Lease by Master Walter Medford, dean, and the chapter of Wells, to John Cole, canon, confrater and residentiary, for a fine of 20*l*., of the *hospitium* and messuage near Mounterielane where Master Ralph Canon lived, for ten years. Dated, Wells, Chapterhouse, 30 Nov., 1422, 1 Hen. VI.

Round seal; I C in monogram.

567. 1422.—General pardon by Henry VI to William Gascoigne of Briggewater. Dated, Westminster, 6 Dec., 1 Hen. VI.

Portion of the great seal, white wax.

568. 1423.—Release by John Rouland, clerk, to John Juyn, Robert Hill of Spaxton, John Stourton senior, Thomas Shelford, clerk, John Knyght, clerk, John Stortwayth, clerk, John Reynold, clerk, and John Codford, clerk, of all his right to the manor of Loxton, Somerset, the reversion of which Thomas Poye, clerk, gave to Rouland and the others, by a fine. Dated, Wells, 11 April, 1 Hen. VI.

569. 1423.—Incomplete copy of an inquisition taken at Wells before William Carent, the escheator, concerning the hundred of Exton, the third part of the manors of Exton and Newton Plecy, and of the advowsons of Haukerigge church and Newton Plecy free chapel. Dated, Tuesday after St. George, 1 Hen. VI.

570. 1423.—Release by John Holden and Joan his wife, late wife of John Garton, deceased, to Humfrey Stafford, Thomas Stawell, knts., John Juyn of Staunton Drewe, John Warre, Hugh Pyke, Hugh Cary, Robert Jeffrey, John Bavent, William Gascoigne of Brokley and Martin Jacob, of all their right to the third part of the manors of Exton and Neweton Plecy, and of the advowsons of Haukerigge church and the free chapel of Newton Plecy, by reason of Joan's dower after the death of John Garton. Dated, 16 June, 1 Hen. VI.

Octagonal signet; a crane in front of a tree.

571. 1423.—Release by Thomas Gascoigne, brother and heir of William Gascoigne of Bruggewater, to Humphrey Stafford, Thomas Stawell, knts., [and others, as in no. 570], of all his right to a rent of 12*l*., with the reversion of the hundred of Exton, the third part of the manors of Exton and Newton Plecy and of the advowsons of Haukerygge church and the

free chapel of Newton Plecy. *Et quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum, sigillum decani decanatus de Yvelchestre hiis apponi procuravi.* Witnesses: Hugh Loterell, Edward Stradelyng, knts., John Arthure, Henry Viell, [and others]. Dated, Brokley, 24 July, 1 Hen. VI, 1423.

Two seals; (1) Octagonal signet; the letter I.

(2) Pointed oval; in a canopied niche the Virgin and Child, with a suppliant figure; S' DECANATUS DE YEUILCEST' [?].

572. 1423.—Release by Thomas Gascoigne, brother and heir of William Gascoigne of Briggewater, to John Juyn of Staunton Drewe, Hugh Cary, and William Gascoigne of Brokley, their heirs and assigns, of all right to all lands, etc., in Somerset, which he lately gave them by his charter. Witnesses: John Arthure, Henry Viell, Thomas Hundredman, [and others]. Dated, Brokley, 24 July, 1 Hen. VI.

Two seals, as no. 571.

573. 1424.—Release by Martin Jacob, John Bavent and Robert Jeffrey, to William Gascoigne, his heirs and assigns, of all their right to the hundred of Exton, the third part of the manors of Exton and Newton Plecy, and of the advowsons of Haukerigge church and the free chapel of Newton Plecy, which they lately held jointly with Humfrey Stafford, John Juyn, Thomas Stawell, knts., John Warre, Hugh Pike and Hugh Cary, now deceased, of the gift of Thomas Gascoigne. Witnesses: Robert Warre, Alexander Hody, and John Maunsell. Dated, 5 Aug., 2 Hen. VI.

Two round seals. (1) A bird [?].

(2) A shield of arms, and uncertain legend.

574. 1424.—Grant by Nicholas [Bubwith], bishop of Bath and Wells, (in accordance with the royal licence for the appropriation), to the dean and chapter of Wells, of the advowson of the church of Bokelond-Abbatis, *ad quœdam onera et alia pietatis opera juxta ordinationem nostram vel executorum nostrorum in hac parte faciendam supportanda et facienda imperpetuum.* Witnesses: William Palton, Thomas Beauchamp, Thomas Stowell, knts., John Warre, John Arthur, [and others]. Dated, Woky, 16 Oct., 3 Hen. VI.

The common seal of the dean and chapter.

575. 1424.—Counterpart of no. 574.

Fine impression (edges chipped) of the seal of the cathedral church; [SIG]ILLVM ECCLESIE BEATI ANDREE DE. . . .

576. 1424.—Indenture by John [de Telesford], prior of the cathedral church of SS. Peter and Paul at Bath, and the chapter and convent, by which they covenant to provide two monks priests of the priory to celebrate daily masses for the souls of Nicholas Bubbewith, bishop of Bath and Wells, and

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for the souls of his parents, in the chapel which he newly built in the nave of the said church, in recognition that the said Nicholas gave 320 marks, for building certain new houses, and certain precious vestments, worth 200*l.*, viz. *unam casulam et duas tuniculas cum toto apparatu ad easdem de velvet crymesyn rubeo aurato, cum aurifrisys contextis et puderatis cum margaritis sive perulis, tres capas de panno aurato rubeo, unius secte, quarum due habent aurifrisas contextas cum duodecim apostolis et les morses sunt contexti* [*?*] *et cowchat' cum perulis ad modum rosarum, ac tercia habet aurifrisam contextam cum ymaginibus de duplici historia, necnon alia ornamenta et bona quamplurima.* The commorative services are to be for "bisshop Nichol and for his fader and moder saulez and all his goode doers saulez and all ye goode doers saulez of this chirch," &c. Dated, Chapterhouse of the priory, Bath, 16 Oct., 1424.

Injured by damp.

577. 1424.—Counterpart of no. 576.

578. 1424.—Defeasance of a bond made by John Stafford, dean, and the chapter of Wells to Nicholas [Bubwith], bishop of Bath and Wells, in 1,000*l.*, respecting the appropriation of the advowson of the church of Bokelond Abbatis to the dean and chapter, and to secure the payment of 20*l.* yearly to certain persons to be named by the bishop or his executors, for certain purposes in the cathedral and in the parish of Bokelond Abbatis. Dated, Wells, 17 Oct., 3 Hen. VI.

579. 1424.—Lease by Thomas Wayfere and Anderna his wife, to John Chew and Alice his wife, for their lives, of a close in Meselberugh, within the hundred of Wells Forum; rent 10*s.* Witnesses: John Tonour, John atte Chapell, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 20 Oct., 3 Hen. VI.

580. 1424–25.—General pardon by Henry VI to William Gascoigne of Bryggewater, Somerset. Dated, 20 Jan., 3 Hen. VI.

Imperfect impression of the great seal.

581. 1424–25.—Exemplification, under the seal of the court of Exchequer, at the request of the archdeacon of Wells, of an entry in the *Liber Feodorum* in the time of E[dward] late king of England, son of king Henry, preserved in the exchequer, to the effect that in the hundred of Northairy [*sic*] the canons of Wells hold the manor of Northairy in free alms by gift of king Richard. Dated, Westminster, 27 Feb., 3 Hen. [VI].

Fragment of the seal of the court of Exchequer.

582. 1425.—Lease by John Orum, John Roland, and John Knyght, canons of Wells, John Alampton, William Purs,

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Robert Burghe, and John Smythe, vicars of Wells, to John Wyche, burgess of Wells, and Joan his wife, for 60 years, of a toft in Gropelane, and another in Monerislane, Wells; rents 6*d*. and 4*d*. Witnesses: John Rocke, master of the town of Wells, Richard Settere, Richard Halle, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 15 July, 3 Hen. VI.

Octagonal seal; an eagle rising, with a rose in its beak.

583. 1425.—Lease by Hugh Cary, Philip Hamontesham, Ralph Cowfolde and Henry Pynkowe, to Christina Hawle, Walter More, and Joan his wife, for their lives, of a tenement in Edyston in the parish of Stokecourcy; rent 3*l*. 4*s*. 8*d*. Dated, Michaelmas, 4 Hen. VI.

584. 1425.—Release by Alice Hunte, sister and heir of Walter Metford, clerk, and Robert Hunte, her son, to John Martyn, William Pawelot, William Gosse, William Scot, William Russell, clerk, John Bougey, clerk, and others, their heirs and assigns, of all their right to the manor of Bykenaldre, Somerset. Witnesses: John Juyn, John Stourton, Thomas Wyke, [and others]. Dated, 6 Nov., 4 Hen. VI.

585. 1426.—Lease by William Bye of Lydezard Bishop's, Joan his wife, John Memmys [?] and Alice his wife, daughter of the above William and Joan, for their own lives, to Master Richard Thomas of the co. of Gloucester, of the parcel of a messuage in Wells without, near the lane by which you go to La Mowntary, lately inhabited by Ralph Canon; rent 6*s*. 8*d*. Witnesses: Robert Honythorn, Nicholas Veel, Thomas Gylman, [and others]. Dated, Bishop's Lydezard, 3 Oct., 1426, 5 Hen. VI.

586. 1427.—Grant by John [Stafford], bishop of Bath and Wells, to William Baroun, esq., of the manor and hundred of Bysshoppeston, Berks, for life, without impeachment of waste; rent 8 marks. Dated, Wells, 1 April, 5 Hen. VI.

Confirmed by John Forest, dean, and the chapter of Wells, 8 April, 1427.

Confirmed by William Southebroke, prior, and the chapter of Bath.

587. 1428.—Lease by John Chidiok, knt., to Robert Ellewelle of Wells, gent., and Alice his wife, for their lives, of lands, tenements, pastures, etc., which the late John Russell formerly held within the borough and lordship of Wells; rent 20*s*. Witnesses: John Rocke, Richard Setter, John Cutte senior, Stephen Merstone, [and others]. Dated, St. Martin the bishop, 7 Hen. VI.

Two seals; (1) Octagonal signet; ? A L in monogram.

(2) Round signet; an estoile.

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588. 1428.—License by John Luttrell, esq., to John Juyn, knt., John Stourton senior, esq., John Reynald and John Codeford, clerks, executors of the testament of Nicholas Bubbewyth, late bishop of Bath and Wells, that they may grant to the dean and chapter of Wells, the manor of Bykenalre, (held of the grantor as of his manor of Dunster, at a rent of 2*s.* for all service) for certain pious uses. Dated, 26 Nov., 7 Hen. VI.

Fragment of a seal; an eagle, with the letters I C in the field.

589. 1428.—Duplicate of no. 588.

590. 1429.—Release by John le Bret to John Juyne, knt., John Stourton senior, John Codeford, clerk, and John Reynald, clerk, their heirs and assigns, of all his right to lands in Bikenalre, which formerly belonged to Richard Weyvile, son and heir of John Weyvile, my kinsman. Witnesses: John Lutrell, John Hill, John Werre, [and others]. Dated, Bikenalre, 31 Aug., 7 Hen. VI.

Round seal; shield of arms, three stags' heads cabossed; SIGILLU' IOHANNIS BRET.

591. 1429.—Lease by John Forest, dean, and the chapter of Wells, to John Kent of Depford, Wilts, and Agnes his wife, and John their son, for their lives, of a messuage and 3 tofts, 60 ac. of land and meadow, with pasture for 12 *grossa animalia* and 160 sheep, in Depford; rent 20*s.*, payable to the escheator of the cathedral church, and one heriot on the death of the survivor of them, the said John Kent and Agnes, and another on the death of John the son, and doing suit twice a year at the lawful hundred courts [*ad hundreda legalia*] of Hetisbury, etc. Dated, Wells, Michaelmas, 8 Hen. VI.

592. 1429.—Lease by John Chidiok, knt., to Oliver Russell, Margaret his wife, and John their son, for their lives, of the reversion of all lands, tenements, etc., (except two dovecotes) in Wells, which he lately leased to Robert Ellewell and Alice his wife, for their lives, rent 20*s.*, and which formerly John Russell held on lease from John Chidiok, father of the said John Chidiok, knt. Dated, 12 Nov., 8 Hen. VI.

Two seals; (1) Oval, an ivy-leaf.

(2) A ram's head affronté.

593. 1429–30.—Power of attorney by John Forest, dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Master John Cole, co-brother and steward of the church, to receive of John Juyn, John Stourton senior, John Reynald, clerk, and John Codeford, clerk, seisin of the manor of Bikenalre, Somerset. Dated, Wells, Chapterhouse, 1 Jan., 8 Hen. VI.

594. 1430.—Power of attorney by John Storthwayt, clerk, John Codeford, clerk, and John Reynald, clerk, to John Lang,

Thomas Sutton, and William Bery, to deliver to John Forest, dean, and the chapter of Wells, seisin of lands, etc., in Edeston and Stofordfeld, Somerset, which the grantors have of the gift of Hugh Cary, Philip Amotesham and Ralph Cowfolde. Dated, Wells, 2 July, 8 Hen. VI.

595. 1430.—Power of attorney by John Shapwyke, Hugh Cary and John Southwode, rector of Spaxton, to William Payn, chaplain, and John Corpe junior, to deliver seisin of all their lands and tenements in Wells to Richard Orum and Agnes his wife. Dated, 12 July, 8 Hen. VI.

596. 1430–31.—Lease by Agnes, widow of Richard Orum, to Robert Pade and Alice his wife, for their lives, of a tenement in Byestwall, Wells Forum, and various parcels of land in the fields of Wells; remainder to Agnes their daughter, for her life; rent 8*s*. Witnesses: John Rocke, master of the town of Wells, Richard Setter, Richard Halle, William Wybbury, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 13 Feb., 9 Hen. VI.

Two impressions of an octagonal seal; a merchant's mark.

597. 1430–31.—Lease by Agnes, widow of Richard Orum, to Thomas Gylman and Joan his wife, for their lives, of a tenement in Byestewall, Wells, etc., with various parcels of land in the fields of Wells; remainder to Agnes their daughter, for her life; rent 12*s*. Witnesses: John Rocke, master of the town of Wells, Richard Setter, Richard Hall, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 13 Feb., 9 Hen. VI.

598. [? 1431.]—A document almost entirely obliterated; apparently a mandate by the official of Bath and Wells, relating to the prior of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist, Wells, and to the church of Pokulchurch, diocese of Worcester. Dated, 1431 [?].

Fragment of pointed oval seal; a saint under a canopy, below under an arch a kneeling figure.

599. 1437.—General pardon to the dean and chapter of Wells. Dated, Westminster, 27 March, *anno* 15 [Hen. VI].

600. 1437.—Licence by John Stafford, bishop of Bath and Wells, to John Raynold, Stephen Morpath, canons, and Thomas Wansford, John Haydour and Thomas Chew, clerks in Wells Cathedral, to grant to the dean and chapter, 2 tofts, 4 gardens, 12 acres of land, etc., in Hethorn in the lordship of Kyngesbury, Somerset; the grantees to pay the accustomed rent of 6*s*. 8*d*. and to do suit at the bishop's court at two law-days. Dated, Woky manor, 20 Aug., 1437, 15 Hen. VI, 13th year of the bishop.

Fragments of pointed oval seal of the bishop; a full length figure in a central niche, around which are smaller canopied

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tabernacles containing the Virgin and Child, and a saint; under an arch in base, the bishop, mitred, with his staff, adoring, between two shields of arms; dexter, a saltire couped between two crossed keys on the dexter and two crossed swords on the sinister; sinister, on a chevron, a mitre with its apparels [?], a border engrailed.

601. 1438.—Indenture between the dean and chapter of Wells, and Sir Nicholas Calton, archdeacon of Taunton, prebendary of Milverton prima, setting forth the details of the chantry services for commemoration of the said Nicholas, who has contributed 120*l.* by the hands of John Knoeston and Thomas FitzWilliam, perpetual vicars, and principals of the Common Hall, to the Common Hall. Dated, Wells, 1 April, 1438, 16 Hen. VI. Witnesses: Bro. John Bartelot, prior of the house of St. John Baptist, Wells, Richard Dyer *alias* Wright, master of the town of Wells, John Austell, esq., John Godewyn and John Collys, burgesses.

Fragment of the seal of the dean and chapter.

Fragment of the seal of the precentor.

602. 1438.—Counterpart of no. 601.

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603. 1438.—Grant by John Alampton and Robert Burgh, clerks, to John Knoeston, John Masday, Thomas Chelyngton, and Thomas Chewe, clerks, their heirs and assigns, of a lane [*venella*] in Wells called Moneryslane, with its tenements, tofts, cottages, etc. Witnesses: Richard Dyer, master of the city or town of Wells, William Vowell, Thomas Horwode, burgesses, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 10 May, 16 Hen. VI.

Two round seals; (1) On a mount, a lamb passant reguardant; AS MEKE AS A LAMBE.

(2) R B in monogram.

604. 1440.—Lease by John Forest, dean, and the chapter of Wells, to John Coton, tailor, and Juliana his wife, for their lives, of a tenement and part of the messuage where John Cole, late canon, lived, in the corner of the street leading to the New College in La Mountry, Wells, on the east side of the street; rent 10*s.* Witnesses: John Austell, esq., William Gascoyn, Oliver Russell and Benedict Usk. Dated, Wells, day after Michaelmas, 19 Hen. VI.

605. 1440.—Lease by John Forest, dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Thomas Chelyngton, clerk, communar, for 20 years, of a house with a solar, late extracted from a mansion where Mr. John Cole and Mr. Ralph Canon, canons, lately dwelt, on the east side of the street leading from the church to the New College in La Mountry, Wells; rent 3*s.* 4*d.* Witnesses: John Austell, esq., Oliver Russell, and Benedict Usk. Dated, Wells, 2 Oct., 19 Hen. VI.

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606. 1440.—Grant by Joan Bykennaller, relict of John Bykennaller, to her sons, John and Robert, of her estate in all her lands and tenements of Bykennaller, paying to Joan 6*s.* 8*d.* the first year, and 13*s.* 4*d.* afterwards, for her life, and finding her maintenance, and specially reserving the chamber at the west end of the hall for her to live in. Dated, Bykennaller, 10 Oct., 19 Hen. VI. *English.*

607*a*. 1440–41.—Accounts of Walter atte Yarde, reeve of the manor of Bikenaller, from Michaelmas, 19 Hen. VI, 1440, to Michaelmas, 20 Hen. VI, Richard Hore, steward.

607*b*. 1440–41.—Accounts of the same as bailiff of Stoke Gommer parsonage, from the nativity of St. John Baptist, 18 Hen. VI, to the same feast, 19 Hen. VI.

608, 609. (1) 1438.—Copy of the testament of Nicholas Calton, archdeacon of Taunton, containing bequests for commemorative services in the cathedral, at the altar of St. Calixtus, etc. Dated, 25 April, St. Mark's day, 1438. Witnesses: Richard Thomas, notary public, John Anger, my servant, [and others]. John Wansford, vicar, and William Gascoigne, executors.

Probate, 18 Jan., 1440[–41], by Thomas Bubwyth, archdeacon of Wells, LL.B., B.C.L., Masters Thomas FitzWilliam and John Sperhawke, LL.B., commissaries, deputies of Master Zanobius Mulakyn, *Decretorum Doctor*, dean of Arches, and of Henry [Chicheley], archbishop of Canterbury.

Pointed oval seal; very imperfect; a St. Andrew's cross on foliage.

(2) 1440–41.—The commission of the said Zanobius, directed to the said commissaries. Dated, London, 3 Jan., 1440.

Fragment of a pointed oval seal; in a niche, the figure of a saint.

610. 1440–41.—Grant by William Jevan, vicar of Stokegommere, and Robert Kente, rector of Sandforde, to Robert Bykennaller and Maude his wife, of all lands, etc., in Bykennaller, which the grantors late had by feoffment of John Bykennaller, Robert's brother; to hold to Robert and Maude and the heirs of their bodies, remainder to Robert and the heirs of his body, remainder to Robert's sister, Joan wife of Thomas Haule and the heirs of her body; remainder to the right heirs of John Bykennaller. Witnesses: William Cornew, esq., Richard Wynston, Robert Langdon, [and others]. Dated, Bykennaller, 12 Feb., 19 Hen. VI.

Octagonal signet; the letter w.

611. 1441.—Writ of Henry VI to the escheator of Somerset, to make an enquiry if it is to the damage, etc., if John Reynald, clerk, has license to grant the manor of Melesburgh, with the appurtenances, in the hundred of Wells Forum, and 3 messuages,

land and meadow in Woky, Chedder, and Draycote, to the dean and chapter of Wells, for the support of a chaplain in a hospital in honour of our Saviour, the Blessed Virgin and All Saints, lately built in Wells, called Almessehous ; for the good estate of the king, of John Stafford, bishop of Bath and Wells, the king's chancellor, while they live, and for their souls when dead, and for the soul of Nicholas Bubbewith, late bishop of Bath and Wells, etc. ; and for the maintenance of 24 poor men. Dated, . . Oct., 20 Hen. VI.

612. 1441.—Inquisition taken at Axbrygge, 8 Oct., 20 Hen. VI, before William Neuton, escheator, in pursuance of the king's writ [no. 611]. It is not to the damage, etc.

613. [1441.]—Copy writ of Hen. VI to Robert Manter, keeper of the hanaper of our chancellor, to issue letters patent for the grant to the dean and chapter of Wells, of the manor and lands enumerated in no. 611. [No date. The license in mortmain was dated Nov. 20, 1441 ; see *Cal. Patent Rolls.*]

614. 1444.—Grant by John Mulleward of Dynre, to Alice his wife, for life, of a tenement with lands in Prestely in the parish of Doultyng, Somerset, with reversion to his right heirs. Witnesses : John North, Thomas Pewe, John Branche senior, [and others]. Dated, Dynre, Sunday before St. George, 22 Hen. VI.

Octagonal signet ; the letter R.

615. 1444.—Lease by John Raynald, rector of Woky, Somerset, to John Edward junior and Alice his wife, of a messuage in Henton, for their lives ; rent 3*s.* 4*d.* Witnesses : William Gascoigne, William Voel, John Chapelle, John atte Castelle, and John Brownyng. Dated, Wells, feast of St. George, 22 Hen. VI.

Oval signet : a crowned T.

616. 1444.—Grant by John Mulleward to Thomas Pewe and John Braunche, their heirs and assigns, of a tenement and land in Presteley in Doultyng, Somerset. Witnesses : William Downe, John Daungervile, Thomas Cooke, [and others]. Dated, Presteley, 7 May, 22 Hen. VI.

Octagonal signet ; a swan rising, to the sinister. Legend uncertain.

617. 1444.—Grant by Thomas Pewe and John Braunche, to John Mulleward and Alice his wife, and the heirs of John, of all the lands, &c., which we lately had by grant of the said John Mulleward in Presteley in Doultyng, Somerset. Witnesses : William Downe, John Daungervile, Thomas Cooke, [and others]. Dated, Presteley, 10 May, 22 Hen. VI.

Two seals. (1) Octagonal ; IHC.

(2) Oval signet ; some animal.

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618. 1444.—Duplicate of 617.
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619. 1454.—Judgment by Guillermus de Fondera, LL.D., bishop of Oleron, papal auditor, etc., in a cause between [Thomas de Beckington], bishop of Bath and Wells, and the prebendaries of that diocese, respecting the episcopal jurisdiction over their prebends.
Certified by *Gulielmus Barralis, clericus Lodonensis*, public notary, with his notarial *signum*. Dated, Rome, 3 Oct., 1454. *Mutilated.*

620. 1445.—Release by John Carent junior, John Godwyn, Lewis, parson of Penne church, and William Bochell, to John Raynold, clerk, and his heirs, of all their right to the manor of Melesburgh and to all lands and tenements in Melesburgh and Wokyhole, in the hundred of Wells. Dated, 1 Sept., 24 Hen. VI.
Four seals. (1) Round signet; three chevrons, not on a shield; GRACE ME GOVERNE.
(2) Round; a lion's face; legend destroyed.
(3) On a shield: on a bend between two slipped trefoils, five lozenges; legend uncertain.
(4) Round; a cock crowing, in the field the initials W B.

621. 1445.—Grant by John Beof and Edith his wife, to the dean and chapter of Wells, of a toft and garden to the west and south of the churchyard of St. Cuthbert's church, Wells, for the support of a chaplain and of the poor in the newly built house called Le Almeshouse. Dated, Wells, 12 Sept., 24 Hen. VI.
Two seals. (1) Oval; a crucifix, between two flowering trees. . . . SALVAT . . . CAPE TVA [?].
(2) The resurrection of our Lord from the tomb; ECCE.

622. 1445.—Release by John Raynold, clerk, to William Carent, esq., Richard Chocke, John Sydenham junior, John Loty, John Godwyn and William Bochell, and their heirs, of all his right to land in the manor of Melesburgh, in the parish of Wells Forum. Dated, 4 Oct., 24 Hen. VI.

623. 1445–46.—Lease by John Gyffard, gent., to Robert Pade and Agnes his wife, and Agnes, Robert's daughter, for their lives, of a tenement and adjoining garden in Byestwalles, Wells, and lands in the fields of Wells Forum, near the Horspole, at Somersherde, at Asshencros, and in Carswelmede; rent 8*s*. Witnesses: William Cutte, Stephen Merston, and Nicholas Veel. Dated, Wells, 20 Feb., 24 Hen. VI.

624. 1445–46.—Lease by John Forest, dean, and the chapter of Wells, to John Cauntelough of Wells, Thomasina his wife, and Christina their daughter, for their lives, of a

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tenement and garden on the east side of Torre Lane, Byestewalles, Wells Forum; rent 13*s.* 4*d.* Witnesses: William Vouell, master of the town of Wells, John Godwyn, William Cutte, John atte Chapelle, and Nicholas Veel. Dated, Wells, 11 March, 24 Hen. VI.

625. 1446.—Mandate of Thomas [Beckington], bishop of Bath and Wells, to the archdeacons and other officials of the diocese, commanding them to require the beneficed clergy to call upon their parishioners to become members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the cathedral church, and to aid the fabric by donations and bequests; with indulgence of forty days. Two collectors to be appointed in each parish. Dated, Woky manor, 20 April, 1446, 3rd year of the bishop.

626. 1446.—Mortgage by Robert Bykenaller, to John Sydenham, esq., his heirs and assigns, of a close in Bykenaller, called Nethercombhray, containing about 7 acres, to secure the repayment of 6 marks. Witnesses: John Loty, Henry Franke, and John Smythe. Dated, Bykenaller, 4 May, 24 Hen. VI.

Round seal; a goat's head, to the sinister.

627. 1446.—Exemplification of an act made in the Star Chamber at Westminster, 11 July last, by the advice of the lords of the council there, in these words:

The xj day of Juil, the yere et c^{a} xxiiij. In the Sterred Chambre at Westminster, my lord of Caunterbury [John Stafford], chaunceller of Engelande, being there present, my lords the bysshops of Salesbury [William Ascough] and Bathe [Thomas de Bekington], and the marquys of Suffolk [William de la Pole], by the kynges commaundement; Reciting to the chanons of the churche of Welles, residencers of the same churche, that is to say, Maistres John Peterton, doctor of divinitee, Richard Cordon, doctor of lawe, John Raynold, John Bernard and William Fulford, peticioners of the bille, whereof the tenure ensieueth in this wise:

> To the kyng, our souverain lord. Plese your highnesse, moost christen prince, of youre habundante grace and pitee, as the whiche have be fro youre tendre youthe oonly the protectour and defendour of alle Holy Churche, and most specially of this youre churche of Engeland, to consider and have in knowlache that maistir John Delabere, youre aumenere, hath sieued [sued] provision of the deanry of youre churche of Welles, wiche is of youre patronage and of the fundacions of youre progenitours, kynges of this youre noble reaume, and as yt [? yet] not obteygned th'effect thereof. The whiche suyte is directly contrary to the custumes, lawes, libertees, inheritances, franchises and statutes of this your noble reaume, to the perpetuell disheritance

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of alle holy churche, colleges, and other, of theur free eleccion in this youre reaume forsayd, the which ever hath be eschewed by alle your noble progenitours in tyme passed. Considering the greet mischiefs and inconveniences that myght folowe therof, as in your statutes therupon maad more openly apperith; Considering also that for this cause divine service, in maner and fourme accustumed, is not had for you and your noble progenitours in youre churche forsayd, in especialle for fere of execucion of the sayd provision, and not in thaire defaute; Considering also that youre sayd churche hath hadde and hath divers libertees and privileges by grauntes of popes and legates, used of tyme that no mynde is, aswell of free elleccions there to be had, as alle other thinges therto longing. Wherefore, moost souverain lord, we, youre poure chapellains, bedemen and devoute oratours, residencers of youre churche forsayd, most lowly besechen your highnesse and grace, in the reverence of alle myghty God, his blessed moder, and saint Andrewe, in whos worship the saide churche is founded, that ye lust so to take your churche in your most gracious favour and supportacion, that it may enjoye suche enheritances, custumees, libertees, and franchises, as thei have had in tyme of your noble progenitours, aswell of theire free eleccion, as of alle other thing thereto longing, accordyng to youre othe in youre most devoute and royal unccion, and also to youre most gracious lettres to them directed, and accordyng to youre lawe and theyre tale of tyme that no mynde is; So that your sayd churche be not disherited in youre tyme by the sayd provision, in salvacion of the ryght of alle holy churche of this youre reaume, to the worship of God, his blessed moder, saint Andrewe, and alle the saintes of heven, or, witoute youre displesire, they to defende it, as lawe of your lande and of the churche wol, in alle the courtes where so evyr thay be: and this atte the reverence of God and in way of charite—

That he had in commaundement to yeve them answere to the sayd bille, saide that it was the kynges wille and entent that they sholde noon other wyse conseyve bot that he is and wolbe protectour and defendour of the churche of Welles, rightes, custumes, libertes and franchises, accordyng to his lawes and statutes, and accordyng to ther tytle, and [? as] he and his progenitours have alleway be; and is content and wol that thei procede to th'elleccion of dean there in maner and fourme as it hath ben accustomed and used in the time of his progenitours, and that thei enjoye such enheritance, custumes, libertees and franchises as thei have had in tyme of his progenitours, aswell of theire free elleccion, as of alle other thinges therto longing; And that that thei pursiewe

and defende theire right of the sayd churche, both in court spirituelle and temporelle, as it shalle be thought unto thaim liefful, any provision made by oure holy fader the pope to the sayd deanry not witstandyng; And that thei so doo, the kyng is ryght wel content, and it shalbe unto his highnesse noo displesire; And he wil that this answere be enacted bothe in his counsail and chauncellerie, and that to be exemplified undre his greet and prive seels.

Exemplification by letters patent, at the request of the said John, Richard, John, John and William. Dated, Westminster, 12 July, 24th year.

628. 1446.—General pardon to William Gascoigne of Wells, gent. Dated, Westminster, 21 July, 24th year [Hen. VI].

629. 1447.—Lease by Nicholas Carent, dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Thomas Moleyns of Whitchurche, in Merschewodevale, Dorset, for 7 years, of their share in the parish church of Whitchurche, except wardships, marriages, reliefs, escheats, fines, heriots, forfeitures, etc.; rent 22*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, the said Thomas binding himself to the dean and chapter in 20*l.* Witnesses: William Voel, Richard Dier, Thomas Horwode, and Thomas Nabbe. Dated, Wells, nativity of St. John Baptist, 25 Hen. VI.

Oval seal; a crowned w.

630. 1447.—Grant by William More of Naylsey, Somerset, esq., to Thomas Broun, Baldwin Broun, John Torell, John Whytyng and John More of Brydcombe, and the heirs of Baldwin, of the manor of Alverton, Somerset. Witnesses: Walter Rodney, knt., Thomas Wake, Richard Arthur, esquires, [and others]. Dated, Alverton, Saturday after St. Bartholomew, 25 Hen. VI.

631. 1448.—Grant by Robert Bykenaller *alias* Jaynkyns, to John Sydenham, esq., his heirs and assigns, of a close called Chalewyll in the parish of Bykenaller, containing 5 acres, situate near Le Holowwey, and a virgate of meadow adjoining. Witnesses: John Sydenham junior, John Loty, and Henry Franke. Dated, Bykenaller, 4 Oct., 27 Hen. VI.

632. 1449.—Grant by John Schyrwold *alias* Culbury, to Alexander Hody, his heirs and assigns, of all his lands, etc., in Westpennard, Somerset. Witnesses: Robert Cotye junior, William Laucok, and Richard Toker. Dated, Westpennard, 22 July, 27 Hen. VI.

Round seal; letter I, crowned.

633. 1449.—Lease by Alexander Hody to John Schyrwold *alias* Culbury, for his life, of lands in Westpennard; rent 6*s.* 8*d.* Witnesses: Richard at Welle, William Laaucok and Richard Toker. Dated, Westpennard, 22 July, 27 Hen. VI.

Seal, as no. 632.

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634. 1449.—Power of attorney by Alexander Hody to Robert Sandhill, to receive seisin of lands, etc., in Westpennard, according to the charter of John Schyrwold *alias* Culbury. Dated, Westpennard, 22 July, 27 Hen. VI.

635. [*cir.* 1450.]—*Distr*[*ibutio*] *obit*[*um*] *termini Sancti Johannis Baptiste.* Statement of sums distributed [? in the cathedral of Wells], at the *exequiæ* of Robert Netelton, Hugh Greneford, John Channiel [?], Robert Buglegh, Luke de Membury, Richard Cobham, Ralph de Solopia, Henry Tesson, William Odecombe, John le Pole, Humfrey the clerk, David de Welweton, John Button, Matthew de Stratton, Henry London, Luke Melesburgh, Thomas Button, and Roger Parson; and of sums in processions on the eve of the Assumption, for the souls of Hugh Rows and William Odecombe, and on the eve of the nativity of the Virgin for the soul of John Hewysch, and on the eve of the exaltation of Holy Cross for the soul of Roger Jevelton, and on the feast of St. Gabriel for the soul of Hugh Rows. Total, 17*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.*

636. [16th cent.]—Part of a draft or copy of a certificate by the president and chapter of certain letters, written in the archives or registers of John Harewell, formerly bishop of Bath and Wells, concerning the church of East Coker, diocese of Bath and Wells.

Mutilated; not completed.

637. [1425–1443.]—Agreement between John Stafford, bishop of Bath and Wells, and the dean and chapter, relating to the gift by the former to the latter of 10 books whose titles are enumerated. They include books called *Policronicon, primam partem hostien summa, Casum Bernardi, Hugo super decretis, Johannem Andree super regulis meis qui dicitur novella, quartum inne quintum, secundam partem hostien, hostien in summa, librum decretalium, librum apparatus Johannis de Dee* [?] *unacum questionibus Bartholomei Bricseus* [?]. The bishop is to have the use of them for life. Dated, Wells, 3 April.

Injured by damp and otherwise mutilated.

638. [1413–1423.]—Deed executed by Walter Modeford, dean, and certain canons of Wells, relating to a rent payable by Robert Yevelton, knt.; mentions the house of Mere, within the lordship of Northcory. Dated, Wells, Chapter-house . . .

Mutilated.

639. [*cir.* 1450.]—Letter from P . . . to his brother and friend Sir John Barynton, vicar of Wells Cathedral, in which he mentions the schools; asks that money may be sent to . . . . .; has no leisure to write more, but will write again

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within a short time; begs to be remembered to Sir John . . . . ., and to . . . . . Erchefound, and all other companions and friends. Dated, Oxford, Thursday next . . . . .

Signature at the bottom P . . .

On the margin a sketch of a female head with head dress of the fifteenth century.

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640. 1451.—Grant by Thomas Collys, to Alice his daughter, her heirs and assigns, of 2½ acres of land in Westpennard, in a place called Stykelynch. · Witnesses: John Herres, John Balstake, and Walter atte Combe. Dated, Westpennard, Easter, 29 Hen. VI.

Rectangular seal; a tree (?).

641. 1451.—Grant by Sirs John Pedewell and Richard Huchyn, vicars-choral of Wells, and Thomas Pryde, executors of the will of Master John Reynold, late canon and subdean of the cathedral, to Sirs Thomas Chew and John Comb, perpetual vicars and principals of the New Close, and their successors, of 20*l.* and one pair of vestments for the daily repetition of a certain prayer for the soul of the said John Reynold at the mass of St. Mary celebrated in the chapel of All Saints within the close of the cathedral church aforesaid, for the soul of Sir William Cokeham. Witnesses: Masters John Storthwaytt, Thomas Boleyn and William Fulford, canons residentiary of Wells, William Vowell, master of the town of Wells, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 7 May, 1451, 29 Hen. VI.

Three seals. (1) A human heart held up by two hands, between the initials I P.

(2) ? A dragon, curled round, and biting his tail.

(3) The initial T, crowned.

642. 1452.—Release by William Gascoigne, to John Nedersole, of all his right to a tenement or burgage, with garden and dovecote, in Chamberleynstrete, Wells. Witnesses: Thomas Nabbe, master of the town of Wells, John Godwyne, [and others]. Dated, 5 Aug., 30 Hen. VI.

643. 1453.—Notarial instrument, certified by John Sluper de Bruwyke, clerk, notary public of the diocese of Cologne, &c., recording the appointment by John, *Episcopus Pennensis*, judge and commissary of the process to be carried out in a cause between Richard Feror *alias* Ferour [?], rector of the parish church of St. Michael *ad placita* in the city of Norwich, and William Fytell, asserted to be a clerk*. Dated, Rome, *in domo habitacionis nostræ, sub anno nativitatis Domini*, 1453, Tuesday, 10 April, 7th year of Pope Nicholas V.

Notarial *signum* of John Sluper.

* William Fytell was rector of St. Michael-at-pleas, Norwich, in 1449; Richard Ferror succeeded in 1452. [Blomefield's *Norfolk*, vol. 4, p. 327.]

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This document appears to have formed the cover of an act book, the words *Liber actorum Capitularium Wellensium* being written on the back.

644. 1453.—Grant by John Knacston and Thomas Chewe, clerks, to Sir John Pedewell, chaplain, and Richard Huchons, chaplain, principals of the New Close of the vicars, and all their fellows and successors, of the lane in Wells called Moneryslane, with its tenements, tofts, cottages, etc. Witnesses: William Gascoigne, William Voel, and John Godwyne. Dated, 20 May, 31 Hen. VI.

Two seals. (1) Indistinct.

(2) A crowned R.

645. 1453–54.—Grant by Alexander Hody, esq., to William Champe, Richard Hayne, and William Borugh, vicars of the church of Wells, their heirs and assigns, of all lands, etc., in the parish of Westpennard, which he lately had by the feoffment of John Schyrwold *alias* Culbury. Witnesses: Robert Warre, John Mauncell, and Philip Pymme. Dated, Brugewater, penult. Feb., 32 Hen. VI.

Round seal: as no. 647.

646. 1453–54.—Power of attorney by Alexander Hody, esq., to John Parker and John Russh, to deliver seisin of the lands granted by no. 645. Dated . . . , 32 Hen. VI.

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647. 1453–54.—Release by Alexander Hody, esq., to William Champe, Richard Hayne, and William Borugh, vicars of the church of Wells, their heirs and assigns, of all his right to the lands granted by no. 645. Same witnesses and date.

Round seal: a lion's face, and the name HODY.

648. 1453–54.—Grant by Thomas Sergeant *alias* Colles senior and Christina his wife, to John Trugg of Corscombe and Richard Wyntryngham *alias* Clerke of the same, their heirs and assigns, of all their lands, etc., in the vill and fields of Westpennard, Somerset. Witnesses: John Balstafe, Thomas Busshe, Richard Norlode, [and others]. Dated, Westpennard, 7 March, 32 Hen. VI.

Two round seals. (1) The letter T.

(2) Two triangles interlaced.

649. 1453–54.—Power of attorney by Thomas Sergeant *alias* Colles senior and Christina his wife, to John Deverell of Westpennard and John Balstake of the same, to deliver seisin of the lands in Westpennard, granted by no. 648. Witnesses: Thomas Busshe, Richard Norlode, Walter Somersete, [and others]. Dated, Westpennard, 7 March, 32 Hen. VI.

Round seal; two triangles interlaced.

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650. 1454.—Release by John Shyrwold *alias* Culbury, to William Champe, Richard Hayne, and William Borugh, vicars of Wells, their heirs and assigns, of all his right to all the lands, etc., late of Alexander Hody, esq., in Westpennard, Witnesses: John atte Water, master of the town of Welles, William Voel, John Godewyn, and Thomas Horewode, coburgesses of Wells. Dated, Wells, 1 April, 32 Hen. VI.
Round seal: a crowned I.

651. 1454.—Power of attorney by Thomas Collis senior and Christina, his wife, to Thomas Collis junior, their son, and Richard Norlode of Westpennard, to deliver seisin of 18 ac. of land and meadow in the fields of Westpennard to Richard Huchen, John Olyver, William Bispam and John Lemman, clerks, their heirs and assigns. Dated, Westpennard, 5 April, 32 Hen. VI.
Two round seals. (1) The letter T.
(2) The letter R, crowned.

652. 1454.—Release by Thomas Collis senior and Christina his wife, to Richard Huchen, John Olyver, William Bispam, and John Lemman, clerks, their heirs and assigns, of all right to 18 ac. of land and meadow in the fields of Westpennard. Witnesses: John Deverell, Richard Norlode, [and others]. Dated, Westpennard, 9 April, 32 Hen. VI.
Two seals, as no. 651.

653. 1454.—Release by Thomas Collis junior, son and heir of Thomas Collis and Christina his wife, to Richard Huchen, John Olyver, William Bispam and John Lemman, clerks, their heirs and assigns, of all right to the above 18 ac. Witnesses: Walter Somersete, John Stone, John Deverel, [and others]. Dated, Westpennard, 12 April, 32 Hen. VI.
Round seal; H T [?] in monogram; GOD OF AL . . .

654. 1454.—Lease by Nicholas Carent, dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Sir John Pedewell, vicar of the cathedral church, of the reversion of a barn and barton, lands, and fishery in the water called Redclyffeyoo, now held by John Benysham for life, in Bydesham and Redclyffemede, Somerset, for 50 years after the termination of the present term; rent 57*s.* 6*d.* and doing suit of court at Bydesham. Witnesses: John atte Water, master of the town of Wells, William Voel, John Godewyn, William Gascoyn, and Thomas Nabbe, coburgesses of the town. Dated, Wells, 1 Nov., 33 Hen. VI.

655. 1454.—Grant by John Pedewell, clerk, to William Champe and Thomas Been, chaplains, principals of the New Close of vicars, and their successors, of all his lands, tenements, etc., in Dultyngcote and Long Sutton, which he had of the gift of Roger son and heir of John Holcombe. Witnesses: William Gascoigne, Thomas Horewode, and Thomas Nabbe. Dated, 5 Nov., 33 Hen. VI.

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Seal: two hands holding a heart, between initials I.P. Legend uncertain.

656. 1454–55.—Grant by Robert Bikenalre *alias* Jenkyne, to Nicholas Carent, dean, and the chapter of Wells, of all his lands, etc., in Bikenalre *alias* Bikenaure, Somerset. Witnesses: Walter Rodeney, knt., William Carent, esq., William Gascoigne, [and others]. Dated, 1 Feb., 33 Hen. VI.

657. 1454–55.—Power of attorney by Nicholas Carent, dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Thomas Tendebury and William Pounseforde, to receive seisin of lands in Bikenalre, granted by no. 656. Dated, 1 Feb., 33 Hen. VI.

Fragment of a pointed oval seal: a figure of St. Andrew on his cross.

658. 1455.—Bond in 40*l.* from Robert Bikenalre *alias* Jenkyns, to Nicholas Carent, dean of Wells, and the chapter. *Condition indorsed.* To secure peaceful possession of lands granted by no. 656. Dated, 1 July, 33 Hen. VI.

659. 1455.—General pardon to the dean and chapter of Wells. Dated, Westminster, 20 October, *anno* 34 [Hen. VI].

Imperfect impression of the great seal.

660. 1455.—Grant by Thomas Staynour *alias* Muleward of Wells, kinsman and heir of John Muleward, late of Dynre, to John Tregodek, gent., his heirs and assigns, of a tenement in Prestely in Doultyng. Witnesses: John Faux, John Dultyng of Shepton Malet, [and others]. Dated, Prestely, 26 Dec., 34 Hen. VI.

Round seal: a merchant's mark; THOMAS CHARLESTON [?].

661. 1458–59.—Power of attorney from John Olyver, burgess of Wells, to John Olyver junior and William Edmond, to deliver seisin to Thomas Smyth, of a messuage on the north side of Toukerestrete, Wells, which the said John lately had of the gift of Isabel Tanner. Dated, Wells, 20 Feb., 37 Hen. VI.

662. 1459.—Lease by Thomas Smyth of Glastonbury to John Olyver senior and Margaret his wife, for their lives, of a messuage in Toukerestrete, in the parish of St. Cuthbert, Wells, which he lately had of the feoffment of the said John Olyver; rent, a red rose. Witnesses: Robert Stawell, Richard Erle, William Edmond, [and others]. Dated, 4 Sept., 38 Hen. VI.

Oval seal: a crowned T.

663. 1460.—Lease by Nicholas Carent, dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Thomas Browne of Wells, yeoman, and Alice his wife, for their lives, of the reversion of the manor of

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Okehampton, with housebote, &c., within the parish of Wyvelescomb, after the decease of Agnes widow of William Wreyntmour ; rent 100*s*. Dated, Wells, 23 July, 38 Hen. VI.
Round seal : an eagle displayed.

664, 665. 1460.—Counterpart of no. 654.
To this deed is attached a copy of the court roll of Bidesham, in the time of John Spekynton, steward, of the admission of the within mentioned John Pedewell, to the premises. Dated, 13 Oct., 39 Hen. VI.

666. 1460–61.—Release by Thomas Staynour *alias* Milward of Wells, kinsman and heir of John Mileward of Dynre, to Hugh Sugar, John Midelton, and Richard Huchyns, clerks, their heirs and assigns, of a tenement in Presteley, in the parish of Dultyng. Witnesses : William Edmund, Walter Baker, and John Vowle, burgesses of Wells. Dated, Wells, 10 Feb., 39 Hen. VI.
Seal as no. 660.

667. 1461–62.—Release by Nicholas Matrevers of Wells, to John Pedwell and Richard Burnell, their heirs and assigns, of all his right to a messuage and lands in Wells. Dated, Wells, last of Feb., 1 Edw. IV.

668. 1461–62.—Award by Humfrey, Lord Stafford of Southwyke, Master Nicholas Carent, dean of Wells, and Richard Chok, justice of the Bench, in a dispute between John More of Naillesy, Somerset, son and heir of William Bithemore, esq., and Robert Deye *alias* Kykke of Merke in the same county, whereby lands and tenements in Wurcheston, La Folde, Wynnesmere, and Burneham, Somerset, are awarded to the said John More, as kinsman and right heir of Baldwin Countevyle, late lord of Alwarton, viz. son of William, son of Joan, daughter of Elizabeth, daughter of Richard, son and heir of the said Baldwin. Mutual releases to be executed, etc. Dated, Wells, 24 March, 2 Edw. IV.

669. 1462.—Lease by John Kaynell and Cristina his wife, daughter and heir of William Gascoigne, to John Fardyng junior, Joan his wife, and Joan their daughter, for their lives, of a tenement and lands lying to the north of La Lynche, and two closes called Closemede in North Newton, subject to the life estate of Robert Pecche ; rent 38*s*. Witnesses : Robert Halswelle, John Mauncell, and William Magot. Dated, 11 July, 2 Edw. IV.
Round seal ; the letter N crowned.

670. 1463.—Fine between Henry Hayne, chaplain, plt., and John Kaynell and Cristina his wife, daughter and heir of William Gascoigne, def., of the hundred of Exton, and of 11 messuages, lands and rents in Exton, Haukerigge, Wemedon,

1463–1467.

Blakelond, Est Chilton, Cheselade, Chelton, Wells, and Astyngton, a third part of the manors of Exton and Neuton Plecy, of a mill in Westboure, and the advowsons of the church of Haukerigge and the free chapel of Neuton Plecy ; to hold to John and Cristina and the heirs of their bodies ; remainder to John Shelford, clerk, John Pedewell, clerk, Walter Baker, and the heirs of John Pedewell. Dated, Easter term, 3 Edw. IV.

671. 1464.—Lease by Peter Orum, to William Wyotte and Agnes his wife, and John their son, for their lives, of a tenement and lands in Byestwalles, Wells ; rent 9*s.* Witnesses : William Vouell, John Attewater, and Richard Webbe. Dated, Wells, Christmas Day, 4 Edw. IV.

672. 1329–30.—Grant by Philip de Drokenesford, to his son Philip, and his heirs, of lands, tenements, services of free men and villeins, etc., in Ochampton, in the parish of Wyvelescoumbe, paying 11*l.* yearly to John de Clyvedon, knt., during the life of James Tryvet, and after his death 5*l.* yearly to the grantor. Witnesses : Richard de Stapelton, John Reygny, John de Stures [?], Robert de Popham, William Peverel, Richard de Wyntonia, knights. Dated, Bedeham, 1 March, 4 Edw. III.

673. 1467.—Lease by John Huchyns, escheator of the cathedral, Wells, with the assent of Master Nicholas Carent, dean, and the chapter, to Thomas Frampton and Cristina his wife, for 20 years, of a tenement in Byestwalles, Wells ; rent 8*s.* Witnesses : William Vouell, master of the town of Wells, John Atwater, and John Sadeler. Dated, Ladyday, 7 Edw. IV.

Fragment of a seal with gothic tracery.

674. 1467.—Power of attorney by John Kaynell and Cristina his wife, to William . . . . . , Edmund . . . . . , William Ruynon and William Popham, to deliver seisin to Hugh Sugar, Richard Swan [canons], Thomas Chewe, Robert Catour, John Combe and Richard Hayne, vicars of Wells, of a third part of the manor of Newton Plecy and of the advowson of the free chapel there. Dated, 15 Oct. [?], 7 Edw. IV.

Illegible in places ; mutilated. See no. 677.

Two round seals. (1) A shield of arms, on a fesse, between 6 arrows bendwise, 3 blackamoors' heads.

(2) The letter C.

675. 1467.—Deed poll. Stephen Morpath and John Spekyngton, canons of Wells, William Northam and Thomas Chewe, lately deceased, and Richard Hochyns and John Combe, vicars of the cathedral church, *Salutem in domino sempiternam.* Huchyns and Combe, as feoffees of the lands and tenements, etc., of John Waryn, sometime canon, enfeoff Masters John Rich and John Austell, canons residentiary,

1467.

John Manyman, Andrew Grantham, John Toker, John Bawdon, John Aleyn, Richard Pomerey and John Warder, vicars perpetual, their heirs and assigns, in all the lands and tenements of the above John Waryn, in the borough and parish of Wells. Witnesses: Master William Witham, dean, Masters Walter Osborn and Thomas Mersh, canons, [and others]. Dated, 26 July, 7 Edw. IV.

676. 1467.—Will of John Pedewell, canon residentiary of Wells, and perpetual vicar of Wynscomb, diocese of Bath and Wells, containing various bequests to churches, the vicars principal of the New Close, the annuellars, chaplains, etc. Executors, John Wansford, subdean, Thomas Chiew and Richard Hayne, vicars, and William Edmond, bailiff of the liberty of Wells. Dated, 1 Aug., 1467.

Probate 15 Aug. same year, in the chapel of Blessed Mary the Virgin near the cloister, before Thomas Overay, LL.B., commissary.

677. 1467.—Grant by John Kaynell and Cristina his wife to Hugh Sugar, Richard Swan, clerks, canons of Wells, Thomas Chewe, Robert Catur, John Combe, and Richard Hayne, vicars of Wells, their heirs and assigns, of the third part of the manor of Newton Plecy, Somerset, and the advowson of the free chapel there, for the use and profit of the vicars-choral; paying 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly to the grantors during their lives; which property the said John and Cristina had by grant from Henry Hayne, chaplain, by fine levied in Easter term, 3 Edw. IV [no. 670]. Witnesses: Reynold Stourton, knt., Thomas Malet, Robert Brente, William Ruynon and William Seward, esq. Dated, Newton Plecy, 15 Oct., 7 Edw. IV.

Five seals. (1) The monogram H S, DEO HONOR.
(2) A swan rising; S. RICHARD SWAN.
(3) A slipped trefoil.
(4) The letters L B, crowned.
(5) A stag lodged.

678. 1467.—Grant by Richard Smale of Warrewik and John Smyth, to Roger Radforde of Warwick, for life, of all lands, tenements, etc., in the town and fields of Wells, which they lately had by feoffment of the said Roger and Isabel his wife; remainder to Elizabeth and Margaret, the daughters of the said Roger and Isabel, and the heirs of their bodies; remainder to Thomas Barnewell, son of the said Isabel, and the heirs of his body; in default, the property to be sold, and the proceeds used for the souls of Richard Mylton and Margaret his wife, and Isabel their daughter. Witnesses: John Mantyn, parochial chaplain of St. Nicholas, Warwick, John Lenche, Richard Reignolde, [and others]. Dated, Warrewik, feast of St. Clement, pope and martyr, 7 Edw. IV.

1467–1468.

679. 1467–68.—Bond by John Bythemore of Alwarton, Somerset, and William Bythemore his son and heir, to John Waynesford, Thomas Chewe, Richard Hayne, clerks, and William Edmonde, in 100*l.* to enfeoff them in lands in the manor of Overwere, Somerset, which John Pedewell, clerk, late held. Dated, 20 Jan., 7 Edw. IV [A.D. 1468].

Two round seals. (1) A shield of arms, barry of ten, over all a chevron. SIGILLUM IOH'S . . . MO . . . VILLE [?].

(2) An oak sprig with four acorns.

680. 1467–68.—Duplicate of no. 679.

681. 1468.—Fine, between Hugh Suger, Richard Swan, Thomas Chewe, Robert Catur, John Combe and Richard Hayne, clerks, plts., and John Kaynell and Cristina his wife, and John Pedewell, def., of the third part of the manor of Neweton Plecy, and the advowson of the free chapel, to hold to the plaintiffs and the heirs of Thomas. Warranty by the deforciants, for themselves and the heirs of Cristina. The plaintiffs gave 100*l.* Dated, Easter term, 8 Edw. IV.

682. 1468.—Release by Nicholas Hervey of Brokkely, to Hugh Sugar, Richard Swanne, canons of Wells, Thomas Chewe, Robert Catour, John Combe, and Richard Hayne, vicars, their heirs and assigns, of all his right to the third part of the manor of Newton Plecy, and the advowson of the free chapel of the said third part. Witnesses: Reynold Stourton, knt., John Mauncell, and William Jacob. Dated, 6 June, 8 Edw. IV.

Round seal; a bird, standing among plants.

683. 1468.—General pardon to Hugh Sugar, John Pope, and Richard Swan, clerks, executors of the will of Thomas de Bekyntona, late bishop of Bath and Wells. Dated, Westminster, 24 Aug., 8 Edw. IV.

684. 1468.—Undertaking by John Henton, prior of the conventual church and priory of Bruton, of the order of St. Augustine, in the diocese of Bath and Wells, and the convent of the same, to carry out certain detailed services in commemoration of Master Hugh Sugar, LL.D., treasurer of Wells, whom they admit into their spiritual confraternity. Dated, Chapterhouse, 22 Sept., 1468.

Fragment of a seal: the Virgin and Child, on each side a vesica containing the head of a saint.

685. 1468.—Undertaking by Walter Newbery, abbat of St. Augustine's, Bristol, to William Witham, dean, and the chapter of Wells, in consideration of a gift of 40*l.* by Hugh Sugar, LL.D., treasurer of Wells, to the abbey, and of other benefits and loans to the same, to admit the said Hugh to the spiritual fraternity of the abbey, and to celebrate certain detailed

commemorations in honour of the same. Dated, Chapter-house of St. Augustine's, 25 Sept., 1468, 8 Edw. IV.

686. 1468.—Grant by Hugh Sugar, Richard Swan, canons, Thomas Chewe, John Combe, and Richard Hayne, chaplains and vicars of Wells, to William Wytham, dean, and the chapter of Wells, of the third part of the manor of Newton Plecy, and the advowson of the free chapel there, for the use and profit of the vicars-choral of Wells, under conditions detailed in previous indentures between John Keynell and the vicars-choral. Witnesses: Walter Baker, master of the town of Wells, William Vowell, Richard Hampton, [and others]. Dated, Chapterhouse, Wells, 5 Nov., 1468, 8 Edw. IV.

Five round seals. (1) H.S. in monogram; DEO HONOR.
(2) A swan rising; S. RICHARD SWAN.
(3) A slipped trefoil.
(4) A stag lodged.
(5) T R conjoined.

687. 1468.—Power of attorney by the dean and chapter of Wells, to Ralph Gardener, vicar of [? Newton], and William Whitkombe, to receive seisin of the third part of the manor of Newton Plecy, etc., from Hugh Sugar, Richard Swan, and others. Dated, Wells Chapterhouse, 5 Nov., 8 Edw. IV.

Mutilated.

Fragment of the seal of the dean and chapter.

688. 1468.—Fragment of a paper roll, containing rough drafts of documents relating to the manor of Newton Plecy:—

(1) Grant to the dean and chapter of Wells by Hugh Sugar and others, of the third part of the manor, &c., 8 Edw. IV; [no. 686].
(2) Power of attorney from Hugh Sugar and others to give seisin of the manor, 5 Nov., 8 Edw, IV.
(3) Power of attorney from the chapter to receive seisin of the manor, same date; [no. 687].

689. 1469.—Confirmation of no. 691. Witnesses: Thomas Rodenay, William Vowell, and John Attwater. Dated, 10 Oct., 9 Edw. IV.

Small fragment of seal of the abbey of Muchelney; SS. Peter and Paul.

690. 1469.—Lease by William Withham, dean, and the chapter of Wells, to John Waynesford, clerk and canon of the cathedral, Thomas Chywe, Richard Hayne, clerks and vicars of the same, and William Edmound, executors of the testament of John Pedewell, late canon, of a barn and barton and lands, with a fishery in the water called Redclyffeyoo, all of which the said John Pedewell late held at Byddysham, for 99 years; rent 57*s.* 6*d.* Witnesses: Thomas Rodeney, esq., Walter Baker, master of the city of Wells, William Vowell,

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John Attewater, [and others]. Dated, St. Edmund's day, 1469, 9 Edw. IV.

Seal of the dean and chapter ; fragmentary.

691. 1469.—Lease by William Crokehorn, abbat, and the convent of SS. Peter and Paul of Mochelney, co. Somerset, to Master William Wytham, dean, and the chapter of Wells, for 90 years, of a messuage* in a street called La Mountry, Wells, formerly ruinous and now rebuilt by Master Hugh Sugar, treasurer of the cathedral, at his own expense, held by the abbat and convent by reason of their prebend of Ilmystre ; for the use and profit of the vicars-choral and of the chaplain of the chantry of St. Saviour, the Blessed Virgin, and all the elect of God at the altar of Holy Cross in the north part of the cathedral, made according to the ordinance of the said Master Hugh Sugar ; rent 3*s.* 4*d.* Witnesses : Thomas Rodenay, William Vowell, and John Attwater. Dated, 29 Sept., 9 Edw. IV.

Round seal, imperfect and indistinct : St. Peter and St. Paul seated, under canopies in niches ; on the sinister a shield of arms, a saltire. Legend destroyed.

692. 1469–70.—Release by the parties named in no. 677 to the same of the same property. Dated, 20 Feb., 9 Edw. IV. *Et quia sigilla nostra pluribus sunt incognita, sigillum officii magistratus civitatis Wellie presentibus apponi procuravimus.*

Three seals. (1) As in no. 674 (1).

(2) Octagonal ; the letter I.

(3) Seal of the office of master of the city.

693. 1470.—Assignment by William Stodham of Wells, to Henry Goddislond, his heirs, executors or assigns, of his estate and term in a tenement in Byestewallys, and of land lying under Randolcrofte, in the lane leading to Le Mountrey, held by grant from John Wolley and demise from John Bobe [?], late prior of the Hospital of St. John Baptist at Bath, and the brethren there, by two indentures delivered to Henry ; rent to the said prior and brethren, 4*s.* 8*d.* Witnesses : William Vowell, master of the city of Wells, Richard Webbe, Walter Glasyer, [and others]. Dated, Wells, All Saints' day, *anno ab inchoacione regni regis Henrici sexti quadragesimo nono et readepcionis sue regie potestatis anno primo.*

Round signet ; an oak leaf between four acorns.

694. 1469.—Ordinances made by Hugh Sugar, LL.D., treasurer of the cathedral church, and vicar in spirituals of Robert [Stillington], bishop of Bath and Wells, *ipso reverendo patre extra suam diocesim in remotis agente*, respecting the tenure and occupation of the messuage of the abbey of Mochelney in the street called Le Mountre, Wells, lately rebuilt by him, and leased to the dean and chapter for 90

* Called "Mr. Davis's house" on the indorsement.

years for the benefit of the vicars-choral and the chaplain of St. Saviour's chantry. The text of this document to be read on the day of St. Matthew the Apostle [21 Sept.] in the vicars' Common Hall, before the election of the new principals, the vicars present to have *lagenam vini seu ipsius valorem in poculentis aliis ipsis ad eorum velle . . . inter se ad bibendum.* Dated, Wells, 4 Oct., 1469.

Ratified by John Combe and John Hylle, vicars-choral and principals. Dated, Common Hall, 6 July, 1472.

Seals. (1) Pointed oval; in three canopied niches, the figures of St. Andrew between St. Peter and St. Paul; in base a shield bearing the emblems of the three saints. Legend: SIGILLUM VICARIATUS EPISCOPATUS BATHONIENSIS ET WELLENSIS.

(2) Round; a somewhat similar shield to that above described; injured; ? . . . AULE VICAR' CATH' WELLENSIS; as no. 703.

695. 1473–74.—Will of Henry Goddislond; desires to be buried in the churchyard of St. Cuthbert's, before the image of the Holy Trinity in front of the porch of the church; sundry bequests to the various altars in the church, the alms-house, etc.; a tenement to his wife Juliana, with remainder in certain events to St. John's Hospital, Wells. Executrix, the said Juliana. Dated, 10 Jan., 1473.

Proved before Thomas Overay, LL.B., precentor of Wells, commissary, 23 Jan., same year.

Pointed oval seal; in a niche with two canopied compartments, the Virgin and Child on the dexter and St. Andrew on the sinister; in the base under an arch an ecclesiastic in adoration; . . . COMMISSAR' GEN'AL' EP'I . . . WELL' [?].

696. 1473–74.—Attornment by Walter Sparke, Joan his wife, and Thomas Sparke, their son, (tenants for life under John More, esq., of lands, &c., in Alwerton and Overwere, which were by him granted to William Dodesham [?] and Thomas Tremayll, their heirs and assigns), to the said William and Thomas. Dated, 18 March, 14 Edw. IV.

Round seal; a crowned w.

697. 1474.—Grant by Thomas Barnewell of London, fishmonger, son and heir of John Barnewell late of Warrewik, to William Leycrofte and Robert Leycrofte, their heirs and assigns, of lands, &c., in Wells, which will descend to him after the decease of his mother, Isabel Barnewell, with power to James Greene to deliver seisin. Witnesses: John atte Water, Walter Baker, William Edmond, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 3 Sept., 14 Edw. IV. Richard Vowell, master of the town, has on request affixed the seal of his office.

Round seal; an obscure device and motto.

1474–1479.

698. 1474.—Power of attorney by William Leycrofte and Robert Leycrofte to Richard Vowell of Wells, gent.. and Walter Parys of the same, gent., to receive from Thomas Barnewell of London, fishmonger, son and heir of John Barnewell late of Warrewyk, seisin of lands in Wells. Dated, 12 Dec., 14 Edw. IV.

699. 1474–75.—Power of attorney by William Champe and Richard Hayne to William Ruynon senior and John Hill, to take possession of lands in Westpennard, Somerset, and deliver seisin thereof to John Manyman, Thomas Elys, John Touker, and others, their heirs and assigns. Dated, Wells, 9 March, 15 Edw. IV.

Round seal ; a shield of arms ; a chevron between three pairs of annulets conjoined.

700. 1474–75.—Grant by Thomas Chewe, vicar of the cathedral of Wells, to John Lemman, Andrew Grauntham, John Stevens, John Shephurde, William Chewe and Robert Cutklyffe, vicars, of a rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* granted by John Masseday, late vicar, to Thomas FitzWillyam, Thomas Chillyngton, Thomas Waynesford, John Pedewell, John Garnesey, vicars, now deceased, and to Thomas Chewe, above mentioned, now surviving, out of lands in Laverlegh and Styklynche in Westepennard. Witnesses : William Powlet, William Sewarde, esquires, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 10 March, 15 Edw. IV.

Round seal ; an eagle displayed.

701. 1477.—Release by Richard Burnell of Wells, to John Combe, John Hille, Thomas Elis, John Baudewyn, John Alwyn, and Richard Pomery, their heirs and assigns, of all his right to a messuage and land, with appurtenances, situate in Wells. Dated, Wells, 2 Nov., 17 Edw. IV.

Round seal ; I B crowned.

702. 1477.—Grant by Richard Burnell of Wells, to John Combe, John Hille, Thomas Elis, John Baudewyn, John Alwyn and Richard Pomery of Wells, their heirs and assigns, of a messuage in Biestwalles, Wells, and land at La Ashyn Crosse, all of which he and John Pedwell, late deceased, had of the feoffment of Nicholas Matravers, son and heir of Laurence Matravers of Wilton, co. Wilts. Witnesses : Richard Vowell, master of the town of Wells, John Atwater, Walter Baker, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 22 Nov., 17 Edw. IV.

Seal, as no. 701.

703. 1478–79.—Deed poll by Richard Huchons and John Touker, principals of the New Close of the vicars of Wells, with all the vicars of the same, ordaining that, in consideration of divers benefits at the hands of Sir Thomas Chew, vicar of the said close, a lamp shall be kept burning from 7 p.m.

to 7 a.m., every year from Michaelmas to SS. Philip and "Jacob," apostles, in the chapel of the said close, in honour of the assumption of the Virgin; also a candle "at every two messe," "as oft as we . . . have eny sopers of dewte witynne our comen halle." Witnesses: Thomas Overey, Hugh Sugar, John Wansford, and Richard Swanne, canons of Wells. Dated, 9 Jan., 18 Edw. IV.

Common seal of the vicars; round; a shield charged with a pastoral staff surmounted by a saltire and between the keys on the right, and the sword on the left; imperfect; . . . CATH' WELL'. See no. 694.

704. 1478–79.—Power of attorney by Thomas Chew, clerk, to John Combe and John Hayn, of West Pennard, to deliver to Hugh Sugar, Richard Hayn, John Toukar, Henry Grendale, and Thomas Seywarde, clerks, and their assigns, seisin of lands in West Pennard, which he lately had of the feoffment of John Trugge of Corscomb and Richard Wyntryngham *alias* Clerk of Were. Witnesses: John Atwater, master of the town of Wells, Walter Bakar, [and others]. Dated, West Pennard, 9 Jan., 18 Edw. IV.

Round seal; an eagle displayed.

705. 1479.—Power of attorney by John Attwater, burgess and merchant of the town of Wells, and Emma his wife, to John Combe and John Manyman, perpetual vicars of the New Close, to give peaceful possession of 8 messuages and land in Biestewalles, and lands in Dulcote, Westehoryngdon, Polshammede, and Woky, formerly of Peter Orum, to Thomas Overay, precentor, Hugh Sugar, treasurer of the cathedral, Richard Swan, provost of the same church, and Thomas Mersshe, steward of the same church, canons and residentiaries, their heirs and assigns. Dated, 16 April, 19 Edw. IV.

706. 1479.—Power of attorney by Thomas Overay, precentor of Wells, Hugh Sugar, treasurer, Richard Swan, provost, and Thomas Mersshe, steward, to Walter Osborne, John Austill, canons and residentiaries, and Richard Hochans and John Towker, perpetual vicars, to receive seisin of messuages, etc., mentioned in no. 705. Dated, 16 April, 19 Edw. IV.

Four small round seals. (1) A stag lodged, to the sinister.
(2) H.S. in monogram; DEO . . .
(3) A swan with wings addorsed; SI DEO PLACEAT.
(4) T.M. in monogram.

707. 1479–80.—Grant by John Middilton, clerk, and Richard Huchyn, clerk, to Isabel Gyfforde of Wells, widow, for life, of a yearly rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* issuing out of all their lands, etc., in Prestley in the parish of Dultynge, Somerset, which they had of the feoffment of John Tregodek, late a

vicar-choral; with power of distress. Witnesses: Master Thomas Overay, precentor of Wells, Master John Austill, canon and residentiary, John FitzJames, Richard Vowell and Humfrey Hervy, gentlemen. Dated, 20 Jan., 19 Edw. IV.

708. 1483.—Power of attorney by William Lynge of Wells, weaver, and Juliana his wife, daughter and heir of Richard Swayne, late of Wells, to John Standerwyke and John Cowpar, to deliver seisin of 3 acres of land in Este Wallesfelde to Andrew Grantham, vicar-choral of the cathedral church. Dated, Wells, Conception of the Virgin, 1 Ric. III.

Two round seals. (1) A shield-shaped outline containing a crescent; doubtful if heraldic.

(2) A pierced mullet within an ornamental chevroned border.

709. 1484.—Will of Thomas Hampton, burgess of Wells; to be buried in St. Cuthbert's churchyard, near the grave of Thomas Hampton, his father; lands, etc., in Wells to wife Joan, for life; lands, etc., at Kyngeston-upon-Themyse to cousin Master Thomas Cornyssh, clerk, his heirs and assigns, after the death of Margaret his wife, testator's sister; other lands to son Christopher for life, remainder to the Hospital of St. John Baptist in Wells, for certain obits and anniversaries; etc. Wife Joan sole executrix. Dated, Feast of St. Clement, pope, 1484. *English.*

Proved before William Russell, commissary-general of the bishop of Bath and Wells, in Holy Cross chapel at the end of the nave of the cathedral, 12 Feb., 1484–5.

710. 1485.—Bond by William Bythemore of Naylesey, Somerset, esq., to John Attewater, Richard Vowell and William Childe, clerk, in 40*l.*, for due payment of 15*l.* Dated, 20 July, 3 Ric. III.

711. 1485.—Lease by Sir Richard Hochyn and Sir John Leffeman, vicars and principals of the New Close, with the assent of all the vicars-choral, to Sir Ralph Gardener, perpetual vicar and fellow of the New Close, for 99 years, of a toft now ruinous and garden, on which he is to build a house, in Estwallis, Wells; rent 5*s.* Witnesses: Master Hugh Sugar, LL.D., treasurer, Master Richard Swan, provost, and Master John Austill, steward of the cathedral church, [and others]. Dated, St. Andrew, 1 Hen. VII.

712. 1485–86.—General pardon to Master John Gunthorpe, clerk, otherwise dean of the cathedral church of Wells, otherwise dean of the cathedral church of St. Andrew, Wells, otherwise late dean of the chapel of the Household of the late King Edward IV, otherwise late almoner of King Edward IV, otherwise clerk of the Parliament of King Edward IV, otherwise Keeper of the Privy Seal of King Edward V, otherwise

1486–1489.

Keeper of the Privy Seal of King Richard III, *nuper de facto et non de jure Regis Angliæ*, otherwise canon of the Free Chapel Royal of St. Stephen, within Westminster Palace, otherwise one of the clerks of our chancery, for all trespasses, forfeitures, etc., relating to any of the above offices, before 7 Nov. last. Dated, Westminster, 12 Feb., 1 Hen. VII.

713. 1486.—Grant by John Riche, clerk, canon and residentiary of the cathedral of Wells, to Master Richard Swan, provost of the cathedral of Wells, and William Child, clerk, their heirs and assigns, of a close in Wells, between the lane leading to Sareorcharde and Estewalles Felde, and a garden or orchard near the new college of annuellars in La Mountre; with power of attorney to Thomas Mersh, clerk, canon and residentiary of the cathedral, and Roger Wythe, to give seisin. Witnesses: Master Thomas Overay, precentor, Richard Vowell, gent., John Standerwyke, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 19 May, 1 Hen. VII. *Mutilated.*

714. 1487.—Grant by William Childe, clerk, to William Bokat and John Hille, clerks, canons and residentiaries of Wells, John Stevens and John Touker, vicars, their heirs and assigns, of a close called Lobbes Crofte on the east of Mountrey Lane, Wells, which John Ryche, canon and residentiary, granted to Richard Swan, provost of the cathedral (since deceased), and the said William Childe, their heirs and assigns, by his charter dated 19 May, 1 Hen. VII; with power of attorney to [Thomas] Newdyke, and William Danwell *alias* Skynner to deliver seisin. Witnesses: Master Thomas Overay, precentor, Richard Vowell, master of the city, [and others]. Dated, Wells, St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, 2 Hen. VII. *Mutilated.*

Oval seal; a shield of arms, a chevron between 3 cinquefoils. Legend indistinct.

715. 1487.—Power of attorney by William Chylde, clerk, to Thomas Newedike and William Danwell *alias* Skynner to deliver seisin of a close called Lobbes Crofte on the east of Mountrey Lane, between a house called La Scolehows on the south and a cottage and garden of the new college of annuellars on the north, to William Bokat and John Hille, clerks, canons and residentiaries of Wells Cathedral, John Stevens and John Toukar, vicars-choral, their heirs and assigns. Dated, Wells, St. Agatha, 2 Hen. VII.

716. 1489.—Grant by Richard Huchons, perpetual vicar, to John Baldewyne, Richard Pomerey, Thomas Seward, and Thomas Farre, perpetual vicars, their heirs and assigns, of all messuages, lands, etc., in Prestelegh in the parish of Dultynge, which the said Richard formerly held jointly with John Morton, Hugh Sugar and John Middilton, clerks, deceased, by grant

from Sir John Trigodek, formerly vicar ; with power of attorney to John Clavelleshey and Robert Bayly, vicars, to deliver seisin. Witnesses : Richard Vowell, Richard Burnell, John Standerwyk, John Beele, [and others]. Dated, Wells, St. Margaret, Virgin, 4 Hen. VII.

[Has not been sealed.]

717. 1489.—Mandate of Robert [Stillington], bishop of Bath and Wells, to the archdeacons and other officials of the diocese, to require the beneficed clergy to call upon their parishioners to become members of the confraternity of St. Andrew in the cathedral church, and to aid the fabric by donations and bequests, and promising an indulgence of 40 days to benefactors. Dated, Dagmershfeld manor, 20 Nov., 1489, 20th year of the bishop.

Fragment of a pointed oval seal ; in a niche, canopied, a full length figure of St. Andrew ; on the sides in niches, St. Peter with keys and St. Paul with sword ; in base under an arch, a figure of the bishop, with staff and mitre.

718. 1493.—Lease by John Baldewyne, Richard Pomerey, Thomas Sewarde, and Thomas Farre, vicars-choral, to to Thomas Orcharde, clerk, perpetual vicar of Evercryche, for life, of lands in Prestelegh in the parish of Dultyng ; the grantee to have *shridaciones et decaptationes cum subbosco omnium et singulorum arborum crescencium infra precinctum . . . absque vasto seu destructione inde ut premittitur faciendo* ; rent, 16*s*. Witnesses : John Adam, John Standerwyke, Richard Parker, Thomas Sewarde, and John Orcharde. Dated, Invention of Holy Cross, 8 Hen. VII.

Round seal ; an eagle rising reguardant.

719. 1493.—Copy of the will of Andrew Grauntham, vicar-choral and in priestly orders, of great age ; to be buried within the chapel of All Saints, within the inclosure [*infra ambitum*] of the churchyard commonly called Pardonchyrche-yard ; various legacies and anniversary services ; to the parish church of Westcammell 40*s*. *et unum missale de le preynte* ; to Richard Pommery, vicar-choral, 6 silver spoons and 20*s*., and he sole executor. Dated, 26 Dec., 1493.

720. 1494.—Lease by the dean and chapter of Wells, of the reversion of lands held of them, by Thomas Northover and Ellen his wife, for life, at La Wythe in the parish of Northcory, to John Maunce and Emeline his wife, and the keepers of the Fraternity of Holy Trinity of North Cory, for 41 years ; rent 15*s*. Dated, 6 Aug., 1494, 9 Hen. VII.

721. 1494.—Will of William Mullewarde, son of William Mullewarde of Dynre ; to be buried in the churchyard of St. Cuthbert's. Dated, Tuesday, eve of St. Katherine, 1494.

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Probate, before the official of the dean of Wells, 17 Dec., same year.

Oval seal; St. Andrew; legend indecipherable.

722. 1495.—Lease for remainder of the original term by Thomas [Cornish], bishop of Tine, prior and master of the house or Hospital of St. John Baptist of Wells, and the convent of brethren there, of a tenement in Byestewalles, and lands in Wells,—originally leased for 60 years by Thomas Vobe, prior of the Hospital of St. John Baptist of Bath, and the brethren of the same, to William Stodham, 20 April, 2 Edw. IV [1462], by him assigned to Henry Goddyslonde, All Saints' day, 1st year of the recovery of the kingdom of Hen. VI [1470], and by the latter bequeathed to the Hospital of St. John Baptist of Wells for the remainder of the term—to Thomas Wade, clerk, and Margery Tyvell, widow, they paying the rent of 4*s.* 8*d.* to the hospital at Bath. Witnesses: John Tyler, master of the commonalty of Wells, Richard Vowell, gent., Richard Burnell, [and others]. Dated, 12 April, 10 Hen. VII.

723. 1495.—Grant by John Menyman, canon resident of Wells, and Richard Huchons, vicars-choral, to Master William Bokat, Master John Vowell, and Sir John Stevens, canons resident, John Towker, John Aleyne, and Richard Pomerey, vicars-choral, their heirs and assigns, of 3 tenements near the market-field *super cornarium*, to the north of the High Cross in Wells, which they, together with Thomas Mershe and John Combe, clerks, now deceased, had of the gift of Master John Gunthorp, dean of Wells. Witnesses: John Rodenay, esq., Richard Vowell, gent., Richard Burnell, John Standerwyke, and Richard Parker. Dated, 1 July, 10 Hen. VII.

Two round seals. (1) A mermaid holding a comb and a mirror, in the field an uncertain motto. [?] IO[HA]NNES.

(2) A rose.

724, 725. 1495–96.—Assignment by Sir Andrew Grantham, vicar-choral of Wells, to John Aleyne and Richard Pomerey, clerks, vicars-choral of Wells, of two leases of land in Wells; one from Thomas Cornysh, bishop of Tine, master of the Hospital of St. John Baptist of Wells, and the brethren there; and the other from William Lynge of Wells, weaver, and Juliana his wife. Witnesses: Master John Gunthorp, dean, Thomas Harryes, treasurer, William Boket, subdean, John Towker, communar, [and others]. Dated, 21 March, 11 Hen. VII.

Round seal; on a shield, a stag's head cabossed, with a cross between the antlers; S' RICARDI CANVNE.

Attached is a copy of the will of Andrew Grantham, bequeathing pittances to the cathedral vicars in consideration

of certain specified anniversary commemorations. With a note of his death, St. Mark's day, 11 Hen. VII [1496]. *English. Mutilated.*

726. 1496.—Grant by John Menyman, clerk, canon of Wells, to William Boket, John Vowell, and Thomas Gylberte, clerks, their heirs and assigns, of 3 tenements situate in the corner of Sadelerstrete, Wells, near the market, which the said John, together with Thomas Mersh, John Combe, and Richard Hayne, clerks, now deceased, had of the gift of John Gunthorp, clerk, dean of Wells; with power of attorney to Robert Pemberton, clerk, and John Goderyge, gent., to deliver seisin. Witnesses: William Hody, knt., chief baron of the Exchequer, John Byconell, knt., John Fitzjames, esq., Richard Vowell, gent., [and others]. Dated, Wells, 24 April, 11 Hen. VII.

727. 1496.—Release by Thomasina relict of William Bythemore, to John Gunthorpp, [dean] of the cathedral, Wells, and Thomas Ustewayte, gent., of all her right and dower in the manor of Alwarton, Somerset, and a general release from all actions. Dated, 3 May, 11 Hen. VII.

Oval signet; a fleur-de-lis.

728. 1498.—Lease by John Toker and Richard Pomerey, clerks, vicars-choral, and principals of the New Close, to Richard Frempton, butcher, and Juliana his wife, and Richard their son, for their lives, of 2 cottages and one *shamellum carnificum* in the High Street, Wells, in front of the inn called the Crystofer; rent 12*s*. Witnesses: William Capron, chaplain, Otho More, John Ustewayte, [and others]. Dated, St. Matthew, 14 Hen. VII.

Two round seals. (1) A bird rising reguardant.

(2) Indistinct.

729. 1499.—Bond by John Reve of Rodeney Stoke, Thomas Sterre of Chedder, John Sterre of Chedder and John Janyns of Stoke, husbandmen, to Master William Cosyne, dean of Wells, and the chapter, in 40*l*., to observe the covenants in certain indentures dated St. Thomas Apostle, 1499, as to the farm of the rectory of Chedder. Dated, 27 Dec., 15 Hen. VII.

730. 1500.—Lease by Sir John Janyn, vicar-choral and escheator of Wells cathedral, with the assent of the dean and chapter of Wells, to John Mayo of Wells, mercer, and Alice his wife, for 80 years, of a tenement and garden, and a plot of bare ground which William Brownynge now occupies, situate on the east side of La Newe Street; rent 6*s*. 8*d*. Witnesses: Nicholas Trappe, master of the city of Wells, John Standerwyke, Richard Parker, [and others]. Dated, the Annunciation, 1500, 15 Hen. VII.

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731. 1500.—Assignment by Thomas Squery and Juliana his wife, William Trewebody junior and Alice his wife, and John Spereman and Joan his wife, daughters of William Boteler late of Westebery, deceased, to Thomas Cornyssh, bishop of Tine, of their estate and interest in a rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* arising out of lands called Benames Place, &c., in the manor of Alwarton, Somerset, which Thomas Overay, clerk, John Chok, esq., Walter Parys and John Bowle, feoffees of William Bythemore, esq., leased to the said William Boteler for a term of 80 years, by their charter dated All Saints' day, 1 Henry VII, [1485], which term he granted to his said daughters. Witnesses: John Rodeney, knt., John Powlet, esq., William Vowell, gent., [and others]. Dated, St. Thomas, Apostle, 16 Hen. VII.

Three seals. (1) Broken; a bird with a leaf in its beak.
(2) W crowned [?].
(3) A crown.

732. 1501–2.—Lease by Richard Pomerey and Simon Everton, principals of the New Close of vicars, with the assent of all the vicars-choral, to Richard Barnell and Isabel his wife, for their lives, of a close called Budlesham, in the field of Doultecote; rent 2*s.* and suit of court; power of attorney to John Smyth, tanner, and John Usewayte to deliver seisin. Dated, 14 Feb., 17 Hen. VII.

Two seals. (1) Broken; an eagle displayed; DA GRA'S DEO.
(2) I R in monogram.

733. 1502.—Lease by Sir John Baldewyne, vicar-choral of Wells Cathedral, to Edith Hewes, widow, for life, of a tenement and garden in Torlane in Wells; rent 3*s.* Witnesses: Richard Aysshcote, clerk, John Standerwyke, Richard Parker, [and others]. Dated, 1 Sept., 18 Hen. VII.

Oval signet; a half length figure of the Virgin and Child.

734. 1504.—Lease by John Powlet, esq., to John Orcharde, clerk, for 48 years, of 2 acres of land in the east field of Estewalles, near the Horsepole, Wells; rent 2*s.* Witnesses: Thomas Weston, clerk, John Standerwyke, Richard Attewater, [and others]. Dated, St. Gregory the Pope, 1504, 20 Hen. VII.

Rectangular seal; a lombardic M, or perhaps a buckle.

735. 1505.—Lease by William Vowell of Wells, gent., to John Orchard, clerk and vicar, for 48 years, of pasture land in the north field of Biestwalles, near the land of the Priory of St. John Baptist, Wells; rent 4*s.* Witnesses: Robert Grantham, master of the town of Wells, Sir John Fox, Sir Thomas Weston, [and others]. Dated, Wells, 8 Oct., 21 Hen. VII.

Round seal; on a shield, a cinquefoil, pierced.

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736. 1511.—Lease by Hugh Veysie and John Genynges, principals of the New Close of the vicars, with consent of all the vicars-choral, to Thomas Cornyshe, bishop of Tine, and John Welshot of Wells, mercer, for 40 years, of 18½ ac. of land in the field of Biddisham, formerly held by William Teke; rent 12*s.* 4*d.* and suit at the court of the dean and chapter at Biddisham twice a year; the lessees to repair a ditch round the land, and to plant *salices vulgariter nuncupatas* withes. Witnesses: Walter Sarger, master of the city of Welles, John Ustwayte, John Mawdeley, [and others]. Dated, Wells, St. Andrew's day, 3 Hen. VIII.

Seals. (1) Shield shaped; a chevron between three birds' heads erased.

(2) Square; I G in monogram.

737. 1512.—Defeasance of a bond for 20*l.* for the due performance of a sale of lands in Bienaller by John Pounsford of Crokeham to William Cosyn, Raynold West and John Edmonds, clerks. Dated, 27 April, 4 Hen. VIII. *English.*

738. 1513.—Exemplification of the record of a plea enrolled before the justices of the Bench, Easter term, 4th year, roll 436; being an assize of novel disseisin taken at Yevyll, if Richard Jenkyns had unjustly disseised the dean and chapter of Wells of their free tenement in Bykenalre. Dated, Westminster, 9 May, 5 Hen. VIII, 1513.

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HENRICVS DEI GRACIA REX . . . FRANCIE.

739. 1513.—Grant by John Pounsefforde of Crowcomb, Somerset, to Giles Hille, esq., William Capron, clerk, and Henry Cornysche, their heirs and assigns, for 12*l.*, of a tenement and premises in Bykenaller called Bykewyll, with common of pasture on the hill of Cantoke, which Henry Wawyle, lord of Bykenaller, formerly granted to William the Chaplain; power of attorney to Richard Byckeham, gent., and John Uppyngton, to deliver seisin. Witnesses: John Sydenham, esq., Baldwin Malet, gent., John Slocum, John Saffyn, and John Whytte. Dated, 20 May, 5 Hen. VIII.

740. 1503.—Inspeximus by Thomas Cornysh, bishop of Tine, of deeds relating to lands near Mondyesmede, and in Mounterlane, etc. John Lugwardyne, succentor, the dean and chapter, Nicholas Trappe, master of the city, and John Marler, prior of the house of St. John Baptist of Wells, are mentioned. Dated, [150]3, 19 Henry VII. *Much mutilated.*

Round seal; the letter T, enclosing a sheaf of corn.

741. 1527.—Record of proceedings in a suit by the dean and chapter of Wells against James Howell [?], Joan Pynkelow [?], Richard Bydon [?], Richard Williams and

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Richard Loode, for forcible entry on certain pasture lands in Newton Placy in the parish of North Pederton. Dated, Michaelmas term, 19 Hen. VIII.

Faded and partly illegible.

742. 1519.—John Riche, John Austell, canons, John Manyman, Andrew Grantham, John Toker, and John Bawdon, vicars, deceased, and John Aleyn, Richard Pomerey, and John Warder, vicars, now surviving, Greeting in the lord. Grant by Aleyn, Pomerey, and Warder, feoffees of the lands and tenements of John Waryn, formerly canon of Wells, to Masters John Bekham and John Edmunds, canons resident of Wells, Hugh Veysie, John Janyngs, William Capron, John Orchard, John Godard, Thomas Clerke [?], and John Gye, perpetual vicars, their heirs and assigns, of all the lands and possessions formerly of the said Waryn in Wells. Witnesses: William Cosyn, dean of Wells, Peter Carsley, Roger Church, canons resident, [and others]. Dated, Ladyday, 10 Hen. VIII.

Seals. (1) Initial I.
(2) Initials R P.
(3) Crowned R.

743. 1519.—Power of attorney by John Aleyn, Richard Pomerey and John Warder, feoffees of the lands and tenements of John Waryn in Wells, to John Tyler and Nicholas More, to deliver seisin of the same to John Bekham and John Edmund, canons, Hugh Veysie and others. Dated, the Annunciation of the Virgin, 10 Hen. VIII.

Two seals, as (1) and (3) in no. 742.

744. 1526.—Indenture by Walter Stryde, burgess of Wells, reciting an assignment by Thomas Cornysshe, bishop of Tine, deceased, to Walter and his wife Alice, also deceased, of all his interest in a tenement called "La Antelope," in Chamberlayne st., leased to him and Master John Lugwardyn, deceased, by the dean and chapter of Wells for 80 years; and of land in Le Mowtreylane Wells, leased to him by the prior and convent of St. John Baptist's Hospital, Wells, for 99 years, etc.; and assigning the remainders of the leases to Sirs Thomas Weston and John Godarde, clerks, vicars-choral and principals of the New Close, for commemorating the grantor, and the said Thomas Cornysshe and John Lugwardyn, in the chapel called Cokeham's Chapel, in the south churchyard of the cathedral; etc. Dated, 20 April, 1526, 17 Hen. VIII.

745. 1526.—Award by Richard Tollett, LL.D., vicar-general in spirituals of the bishop of Exeter, Thomas Brerewode, LL.B., commissary-general of the same bishop, Alnatheus Arscott, LL.B., and Thomas Wyse, LL.B., canons residentiary of Exeter, confirming to the prioress and convent of Buklond, in the diocese of Bath and Wells—against the claim of the dean and chapter and archdeacon of Wells—the right of the

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said convent to the tithes, oblations, &c., of their churches during vacancies; and ordering a payment to the convent of 15*s.* for their costs and in settlement of 6*s.* 8*d.* illegally taken by Master John Gye for the said dean and chapter and archdeacon in regard to their claim, during the vacancy of the vicarage of the church of Kemersdon; one third of the 15*s.* is put against the ven. Polidore Virgil, archdeacon of Wells, in regard that he had one third of the gain. Dated, Exeter, 26 Nov., 1526.

Signed by the arbitrators; seals gone.

746. 1527.—Bond by Roger Longe, William Longe, William Bragge and William Cobbyll *alias* Brymmall, husbandmen, of Kyngston, Somerset, to John Hardman and John Dune, clerks, principals of the New Close, in 40*l.*, to observe the covenants in a pair of indentures of even date. Dated, 20 [?] Sept., 19 Hen. VIII.

Four roughly cut seals.

747. 1527.—Deed by John Pennande, *decretorum doctor*, vicar-general in spirituals of John [Clerk], bishop of Bath and Wells, the bishop being abroad, setting forth the details of the union, appropriation, consolidation, and incorporation of the parish churches of Henton-Monachorum and Norton St. Philip's, to the house or priory of *Locus Dei* of Henton, of the Carthusian order, Bath and Wells diocese. Dated, Wells, 1 Oct., 1527.

Confirmed by William, prior, and the convent of Bath, 4 Nov., same year, and by Thomas Wynter, dean, and the chapter of Wells, 7 Nov., same year.*

748. 1528–9.—Letters of William [Warham], archbishop of Canterbury, to John Beckham, president of the chapter of Wells, in reference to a case before Master John Cocks, LL.D., vicar-general in spirituals of the said archbishop, between Master Robert Gumby *alias* Awsten, canon of Wells, appellant, and the said John Beckham, dismissing the case. Dated, Lamehithe manor, 16 Feb., 1528 [1529], 26th year of the archbishop.

749. 1530–1.—Confirmation by Richard Woleman, dean, and the chapter of Wells, of a grant made by their predecessors to Richard Smyth *alias* Bramston, vicar-choral of Wells, of leave of absence from matins during his life-time, and two months' leave in each year, during which time he "may use and were the apparell and vesture of a lay man"; together with an annuity of 7*d.* a week, in consideration of which he shall exercise and occupy the office of clerk of the works of

* The initial letter U at the beginning of this document is an unusually fine specimen of pen-work.

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the said cathedral church without fee. Dated, Chapter-house, 31 Jan., 1530, 22 Henry VIII. *English.*

(Signed) per me Rye : Bramston.

Oval signet ; a girl's head, in profile, to the dexter.

750. 1530–1.—Indenture whereby Richard Woleman, dean, and the chapter of Wells, grant to Richard Smyth *alias* Bramston, vicar-choral perpetual of the same, an annuity of 4*l.*, in consideration of his surrender of the office of clerk of the works of the cathedral, for which he was paid 53*s.* 4*d.* yearly, and of his surrender of the office of teaching the choristers, for which he was paid 26*s.* 8*d.* ; with power of distress on the manor of North Cory. Dated, Chapterhouse, 31 Jan., 1530, 22 Hen. VIII. *English.*

Signed and sealed as in no. 749.

751. 1533.—Lease by Master William Bowman, clerk, subdean of Wells, parson of Woky, to John Frenche, "chepman," of Norton Canons, for 8 years, of the parsonage of Woky ; rent 22*l.* Dated, 11 Oct., 25 Hen. VIII. *English.*

752. 1533–4.—Draft bond by Hugh Veysye, John Hardman, John Smyth senior and John Lambert, clerks, vicars-choral of Wells, to Peter Carsligh and John Gye, clerks, canons residentiary, administrators of the goods of the late William Capron, clerk, vicar-choral and communar of the cathedral church, in 100 marks, to abide by the award of Walter Cretynge and "Jeamys" Gilbert, canons residentiary, in respect of a claim by Carsligh and Gye, as such administrators, to an inn lately rebuilt, called the "Christofer," on the south side of High street, Wells. Dated, 17 Jan., 25 Hen. VIII.

Indorsed. Memorandum that on the 19th January, 1533[-4], in the Common Hall of the Vicars' Close there assembled Sirs John Smyth senior and John Lambert, principals, and Sirs Thomas Weston, John Bradon, John Goderd, Edward Prouse, Thomas Fudge, and others, vicars, who unanimously undertook to indemnify the said Smyth, Lambert, Veysy and Hardman, in their bonds to the dean and chapter of Wells, and appointed them to treat with the arbitrators mentioned above.

753. 1533–4.—Bond by Richard Woleman, dean, and the chapter of Wells, to Hugh Veyzy, John Hardman, John Smyth senior, and John Lambert, clerks, vicars-choral, in 100*l.*, to abide by the arbitration of Walter Cretinge and James Gilbert, canons resident, respecting the lease for 99 years of a barn and barton, with lands, etc., and a fishery in a great course of water called Redecleff-yeowe in Somerset, to John Waynsford, canon, Thomas Chewe, Richard Hayne, clerks and vicars, and William Edmonds, executors of the will of John Pedewell, canon, dated, St. Edmond bishop, 1479, 9 Edward IV. Dated, 17 January, 25 Hen. VIII. *Latin and English.*

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Pointed oval seal, broken and imperfect, bearing a full length bishop between two small dragons [?]; he is standing on the back of a man crouched on elbows and knees; S[IGILLV]M ECCLESIE BEATI A[NDREE] WELL'.

754. 1533–4.—Bond by Peter Carsleigh and John Gy, clerks, canons residentiary of Wells, administrators of William Capron, clerk, late vicar-choral and communar, deceased, to Hugh Veyzy, John Hardman, John Smyth senior and John Lambert, clerks, vicars-choral, in 100 marks, to abide by the arbitration of Walter Cretinge and James Gilbert, canons, as to the title to the Christofer Inn in High street. Dated, 17 Jan., 25 Hen. VIII.

(Signed) Per me Petrum Carslegh; per me Johannem Gy.

755. 1533–4.—Award by Walter Cretinge, LL.D., vicar-general in spirituals of John [Clerk], bishop of Bath and Wells, and James Gylbart, canon residentiary, in a dispute between Peter Carseleigh and John Gye, canons residentiary, administrators of the goods of Sir William Capron, late communar of the cathedral, and the vicars-choral, respecting the receipt and disposition of the rent of a new inn in Wells. Dated, Wells, 23 March, 25 Hen. VIII.

(Signed) Per me Walterum Cretyng; per me Jacobum Gilbert.

Seals. (1) Oval; an impression of a very fine antique gem, a nude figure holding a sword in the left hand, and apparently holding in the right hand a large shield with an ornamental boss.

(2) Fragmentary; I G in monogram.

756. 1534.—Lease by John Hardman and William Needis, principals of the New Close, with the assent of all the perpetual vicars, to Robert Hewlet of Wells, tiler, and Alice his wife, for their lives, of a tenement and garden in Chamberlaynstrete, Wells; rent 10*s*. Dated, the Common Hall, 3 Oct., 26 Hen. VIII.

Round seal, imperfect; letter A.

757. 1534.—Bond by the dean and chapter of Wells to Andrew Lutterell of Somerset, knt., in 100*l*., to abide by the arbitration of Sir John Fitzjames, chief justice of the King's Bench, and Anthony Fitzharberd, one of the justices of the common pleas, in certain disputes (no details) as by process of record in the common pleas more plainly appears. Dated, 27 Oct., 26 Hen. VIII.

758. 1535.—"Offe perdicions in the churche for prime, masse and evensonge." Regulations made by John Smithe senior and John Smithe junior, principals of the New Close, Wells, and the whole of the vicars-choral, appointing the "cominer" of the cathedral to "reserve the perditions" of

all vicars, and to deduct from their salaries any fines which they shall become subject to through absences from the choir at prime or mass or evensong, at the rate laid down by John Tregunwell, LL.D., general visitor of the dioceses of Salisbury, Bath and Wells, and Exeter, viz. ¼*d.* for each absence at prime, ½*d.* at mass, and ¼*d.* at evensong. Dated, 15 Oct., 1535.

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759. 1535.—Commission by John [Clerk], bishop of Bath and Wells, king's commissary, appointing the dean and chapter of Wells to nominate three priors, to examine into the affairs connected with the service instituted by Bishop Joceline in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and two priors to examine those connected with the service called "Martyns masse" in St. Martin's chapel, near the font in the cathedral, instituted by the same. Dated, Wells Palace, 14 Dec., 1535.

Confirmed by the dean and chapter, dated, Chapterhouse, 2 Jan., 1535 [1536], and by the prior and convent of Bath, dated, Chapterhouse, same date.

Seal of Wells chapter, with two counterseals.

Seal of Bath priory.

760. 1536–1537.—Accounts of John Churchehill, reeve of the manor of Newton Plecy, for one year from Michaelmas, 28 Hen. VIII, to Michaelmas, 29 Hen. VIII. *Paper, mutilated.*

761. 1540.—Acquittance by the collector of the ecclesiastical subsidy to William FitzWilliam, clerk, dean of Wells (*sede vacante*) for one year due at Christmas, 32 Hen. VIII.

(Signed) per Ric'm Modye, auditor'.

762. 1541.—Copy, certified by William [Knight], bishop of Bath and Wells, of a commission by William [Knight], bishop of Bath and Wells, to Thomas Clerke, Nicholas Fitz James, Aldred Fitzjames, and William Godwyn, to be surveyors of his manors, lands and tenements in Somerset and Devon. Dated, 6 Sept., 33 Hen VIII.

763. 1541–2.—Lease by the dean and chapter of Wells to Walter Cretyng, archdeacon of Bath, for life, of "the rome of two coples within the walles from the est end of the worke house . . . in the camery" on the south side of the cathedral, 16 feet long, to make a stable, and a loft over the same, and a little orchard, and the herbage of the camery; rent 6*s.* 8*d.* payable to the master or clerk of the fabric. Dated, 20 March, 33 Hen. VIII. *English.*

(Signed) Walter Cretyng.

Oval signet; a lion's face, from an antique gem.

764. 1542.—Lease by William [Knight], bishop of Bath and Wells, to Thomas Illary of Kyngesbury, Somerset, husbandman, John his son, and Isabel, John's wife, for their

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lives, of land in Kyngesbury ; rent 19*s.* 3½*d.* Dated, 11 May, 34 Hen. VIII. *English.*

765. 1542.—Bond by Thomas Sheppard of Lovyngton, Somerset,. clerk, John Holeway, clerk, rector of Alford, Somerset, and Richard Hugons of Lovyngton, husbandman, to the dean and chapter, in 40*l.*, to observe covenants in a lease of the church and parsonage of Lovyngton. Dated, 1 Oct., 34 Hen. VIII.

Two round seals. (1) The initials I H.

(2) A fleur-de-lis ; IOHN BISSEL.

766. 1546.—Release by Weltheana Jenkyns *alias* Smyth, widow of John Jenkyns *alias* Smith, of Cardeph, co. Glamorgan, to the dean and chapter of Wells, of all her right to a messuage and land in Byknaller, Somerset, by way of dower. Dated, 7 July, 38 Hen. VIII.

Seal ; an uncertain monogram, [?] W I.

767. 1546–7.—Lease by the dean and chapter of Wells, to Christopher Wilkyns and Nicholas Morden, for 60 years, of a messuage and land in Bicknaller, called " Jenkyns bargayne "; rent 26*s.* 8*d.* Dated, 38 Hen. VIII. *Mutilated.*

Round seals. (1) Initials W.K.

(2) Initials N.D. ; QVODSEMELLICVIT. S.P.

768. 1549.—Lease by the dean and chapter of Wells to John Sheperde, for 50 years, of the reversion of 20 acres of pasture in Congresbury parsonage, Somerset ; rent 10*s.* Dated, Wells, Chapterhouse, 3 May, 3 Edw. VI. *English. Mutilated.*

769. 1550.—Lease by William [Barlow], bishop of Bath and Wells, to John Butler of Kingsbury, husbandman, Alice his wife, and John their son, for their lives, of lands in the manor of Kyngesburye ; rent 19*s.* 4½*d.* Dated, 20 April, 4 Edward VI.

770. 1550.—Lease by William [Barlow], bishop of Bath and Wells, to John Luccock of Kyngesburye, Somerset, husbandman, and John and Richard, his sons, for their lives, of lands in the manor of Kyngesburye ; rent 14*s.* 11½*d.* Dated, 20 April, 4 Edw. VI. *English.*

771. 1550.—Lease by William [Barlow], bishop of Bath and Wells, to Robert Segar of Kingsburye, Somerset, husbandman, Isabel his wife, and . . . . . , for their lives, of land in the manor of Kyngesburye ; rent 10*s.* 6*d.* Dated, 20 April, 4 Edw. VI. *English.*

772. 1550.—Bargain and sale by John Thynne, knt., and Lawrence Hyde, gent., to William Stourton, his heirs and assigns, of a messuage or mansion with appurtenances, lately

belonging to the guild or fraternity of Corescombe, Somerset ; with power of attorney to Geoffrey Upton and another to deliver seisin. Dated, — May, 4 Edw. VI. *Mutilated.*

Seals. (1) Oval ; from a gem, Fortuna, holding a victory. (2) Oval ; an eagle rising.

773. 1552.—Grant by William [Barlow], bishop of Bath and Wells, and the dean and chapter, to Sir John Gate, knt., vice-chamberlain of the king, and "capytaine of his grace's garde," in contemplation of the king's letters, of the Lady Chapel in the cloister on the south side of the cathedral, with all stones, stone-work, lead, glass, timber and iron ; the said Sir John to clear the site of all rubbish, etc., and "make the grounde fayre and playne" within the space of 4¼ years, and to "repayre and amende the condyte pypes lyinge by the syde of the sayed chapple," and shall keep "the severall pyttes of the saied condytt, fayre, clene and open" ; he is to have free access through "the great gate in the palace syde, commonlye called the Camerye gate." Dated, 20 June, 6 Edw. VI. (Signed) John Gate. *English.*

774. 1552–3.—Lease by the dean and chapter of Wells, for 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, to William Lyte of Lyllysdyn, Somerset, esq., for 50 years, of a tenement at La Nythe in the parish of Northecurry, &c. ; rent 15*s.* Dated, Wells, Chapterhouse. 22 Feb., 7 Edw. VI.

(Signed) By me Will'm Lyte.

775. 1553.—Grant by the dean and chapter, to William Lyte of Lylysden, Somerset, esq., of the wardship and marriage of Thomas Norton, a minor, son and heir of the late Anthony Norton, esq., with the moiety of the manor of Stathe, Saltmoore, and Andersey, held by knight's service of the dean and chapter, reserving to the grantors the ancient rent of 26*s.* 8*d.* and a bushel of corn ; for the sum of 20*l.* paid beforehand. Dated, Chapterhouse, 1 Oct., 1 Mary.

(Signed) Wyll'm Lyte.

776. 1553.—Bond by William Lyte, to the dean and chapter of Wells, for 200*l.* ; relates to the Norton wardship. Dated, 1 Oct., 1 Mary. *Partly illegible.*

777. 1553.—Extract from the roll of the accounts of the annual tenth of the clergy, being an acquittance to the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Bath and Wells, for sums specified. Dated, 1 Oct., 1 Mary.

778. 1554.—Bond by John FitzJames, clerk, archdeacon of Taunton and canon residentiary of Wells, to the dean and chapter of Wells, in 100*l.*, warranting them against any claim by "Jone" Fyvyan of Langford-Budfeld, Somerset, widow, with regard to a lease to one Roger Cade, made by FitzJames,

and confirmed by the dean and chapter at his request. Dated, 23 Oct., 1 and 2 Philip and Mary.

(Signed) Joannes FitzJames.

779. 1554–5.—Acquittance by Gilbert [Bourn], bishop of Bath and Wells, to Thomas Fudge and Bartlemewe Blithman, clerks, vicars-choral, and principals of the New Close, for 20*l.* in full of 50*l.* due for a fine for a close of meadow called Waterlease, with appurtenances called Bendecrofts, in the tithing of Wells. Dated, 12 March, 1554.

Signature and seal of the bishop.

Oval seal, impression of a gem ; a bearded bust in profile to the sinister.

780. 1555.—Bond by the master and burgesses of the borough of Wells, to the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Wells, in 300*l.*, to observe the covenants in a pair of indentures of even date. Dated, 16 Aug., 2 and 3 Philip and Mary.

Imperfect impression of the common seal of the city.

781. 1555.—Grant by William Stourton of Wormyster, esq., and Thomasia his wife, to Michael Burton, Roger Marten, and others, vicars-choral of Wells, of the reversion of houses and lands in Croscombe, to augment the commons of the vicars-choral. Dated, Wormyster, 14 Oct., 2 and 3 Philip and Mary. *Mutilated.*

(Signed) Wyll'm Stourton ; T.S.

Round seal ; w.s. upon an ornamental shield.

782. 1555.—Power of attorney by William Stourton of Wormester, Somerset, esq., and Tomasia his wife, to Geoffrey Upton of the same place, gent., to deliver to Michael Burton, Walter Nowell, Nicholas Prynne, and Roger Marton, vicars-choral of Wells, seisin of two houses situate in Croscombe, near the churchyard there, which houses the said William acquired from John Thynne, knt., and Lawrence Hyde. Dated, 24 Oct., 2 and 3 Philip and Mary, 1555.

(Signed) Wyll'm Stourton ; T.S.

Seals. (1) An ornamental shield, charged with a bird in a trap (?), above the shield w.s.

(2) As in no. 781.

783. 1557.—Bond by William Wytcombe of Langporte, Somerset, gent., to the dean and chapter of Wells, in 60*l.*, to observe the covenants in a pair of indentures of even date. Dated, 16 April, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary.

784. 1557.—Grant by John Smyth and William Needis, late vicars-choral of Wells, to Thomas Fudge, Thomas Moore, George Huchyns, Richard Camell, John Fenne, Walter Nowell, and Walter Humfrayes, perpetual vicars, their heirs and

assigns, of all messuages, lands, etc., in Prestleighe in the parish of Dultynge, Somerset, which the said John and William held jointly with Thomas Cleke, John Lyllyhede, John Coole, and Richard Bramston, late perpetual vicars of Wells, of the gift of Richard Pomeroye and Thomas Farre ; with power of attorney to Thomas Hooper and Andrew Thorne, perpetual vicars, to deliver seisin. Dated, 8 May, 1557, 3 and 4 Philip and Mary.

(Signed) John Smyth, clerk.

785. 1557.—Lease, for a fine of 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, by Andrew Thorne and Thomas More, clerks, perpetual vicars of Wells, and principals of the New Close, with the consent of all the vicars, of the reversion of the lands and tenements held by John Cockes, in Tyston in the parish of Wells, to his wife Joan, and his daughter Joan, for their lives ; rent 4*s.* Dated, 4 Sept., 4 and 5 Philip and Mary.

786. 1558.—Indenture whereby the dean and chapter of Wells and the master and burgesses of the town, specify the uses of the sum of 60*l.* bequeathed by Walter Cretinge, late archdeacon of Bath, to be lent for two years at a time to six poor burgesses at the rate of 10*l.* each, under supervision of the corporation. Dated, 21 Sept., 1558, 5 and 6 Philip and Mary. *English.*

787. [1562.]—Indenture, too imperfect to be described in detail. Dated, 23 Sept, . . Elizabeth.

It relates to William Bourman's gift of 20*l.* for loans to honest men of the parish of Wevelescombe. See no. 789.

788. 1562.—Bond by Alice Lacye, late of Bristol, "mayden," to Thomas Hooper and Robert Fanner of Wells, clerks, in 40*l.*, not to make any claim against the dean and chapter with respect to a tenement in Wellisleigh, in the parish of St. Cuthbert, Wells. Dated, 14 May, 1562, 4 Eliz.

Oval signet ; a female bust to the dexter.

789. 1562.—Bond in 100 marks by Lawrence Togood, yeoman, and Robert Benett, tanner, of Wyvelescombe, Somerset, churchwardens of Wyvelescumbe, with the consent of the parishioners, to William Bourman, perpetual vicar of the said church ; concerning the sum of 20*l.* granted by the above William Bourman to the churchwardens, to be lent for two years at a time to four honest men. Dated, 18 Sept., 4 Eliz.

790. 1562.—Bond by William Drewe of Woky, Somerset, gent., and John Edwardes of the same, husbandman, churchwardens, to William Bowreman, clerk, subdean of Wells and rector of Woky, in 100 marks, for the due disposition of a sum of 20*l.* given by the said subdean for parochial uses as specified. Dated, 4 Oct., 4 Eliz. *Partly illegible.*

1562–1574.

791. 1562–3.—Bargain and sale by Richard Robertz of London, gent., to Thomas Fudge and Thomas Hooper, clerks, their heirs and assigns, of all those buildings in Wells, built by Hugh Sugar, sometime treasurer, on the east side of Le Mountrey Lane and the Canons' House. Dated, 8 Feb., 5 Eliz.

(Signed) Richard Robertz.

Oval signet; an antique gem; a full length figure holding a crooked staff and mask.

792. 1565.—Receipt by John Whorne *alias* Barbar of Radlinges, Somerset, servingman, for 53*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* in full payment of his claim against the dean and chapter of Wells, in full of all demands touching any grant or reversion of lands in the manor and hundred of Northe Corye. Dated, 8 Oct., 1565.

793. 1565.—Bond by John Whorne *alias* Barbar of Radlinges, Somerset, servingman, to the dean and chapter of Wells, in 100 marks, to indemnify them against any claim relating to lands in Northcorye, made by his sister Isabel, wife of Thomas Norman of Wells, smith, and Richard Kegill. Dated, 9 Oct., 1565, 7 Eliz.

794. 1566.—Lease by John Ayleworth, esq., to Thomas Fudge and Thomas Hooper, clerks, principals of the New Close, Wells, of a vacant place of land in Le Montrelane, Wells, for 300 years, to begin on the expiration of a lease for 80 years, made 10 Nov., 1510, by Thomas Marler, late prior or master of the dissolved house or Hospital of St. John Baptist in Wells, to Thomas Cornish, bishop of Tine, precentor of Wells; rent a red rose to Ayleworth and his heirs, and 2*s.* to the dean and chapter. Dated, Wells, 31 March, 1566, 8 Eliz.

(Signed) J. Aylworth.

795. 1569.—Indenture setting out the balance in the hands of John Dane, communar, by Master James Bonde, archdeacon of Bath, and Master Adrian Hawthorne, chancellor of Wells, and others. Dated, 10 Nov., 11 Eliz., 1569. *English.*

(Signed) Jo. Daane.

796. 1572.—Indenture between the dean and chapter of Wells, and the master and burgesses of the town of Wells, respecting the carrying out of certain conditions under which a sum of 40*l.* has been bequeathed by the late John Haggett of Wells, and paid by Cicely his widow, to the said master and burgesses. Dated, 1 Oct., [14] Eliz., 1572. *English.*

Damaged seal of the town.

797. 1574.—Lease by the dean and chapter of Wells, to Richard James of Wells, yeoman, for 40 years, of a tenement in High st., Wells; rent, 13*s.* 4*d.* Dated, 1 July, 16 Eliz. *English.*

1577–1585.

798. 1577–8.—Lease by Walter Celye and John Gibson, principals of the New Close, to Agnes Cornishe, widow, for 21 years, of a tenement in Groplane, Wells ; rent 5*s*. Dated, 28 Feb., 1577, 20 Eliz.

Round seal ; initials I.H.S.

799. 1583.—Grant by Walter Celye, clerk, sometime vicar-choral, and Thomas Goolde, vicar-choral of Wells, to Roger Rugge, Hugh Pounde, Elway Bevin, John Hulett, Matthew Jeffreys, John Lilliat, and William Taylor, vicars-choral, their heirs and assigns, of a tenement, 5 stables, an orchard and a garden, in La Montroye Lane, Wells, lately purchased from Richard Robertes of London, gent. ; an annual payment of 32*s*. 8*d*. is to be made for the better maintenance "and kepinge of the commons" of the vicars-choral, for the period of 20 years, at the end of which time the survivors of the said vicars-choral shall demise the same to other vicars-choral at the same rental and on the same conditions. Dated, 30 July, 1583, 25 Elizabeth. *English.*

Two round seals ; (1) an elaborate knot between the initials W.C. CONFITEMINI DEO CELI.

(2) Initials I.G.

Signatures of grantors.

800. 1583.—Bond in 200*l*. by Humfrey Hooper, John Hewlett, John Lyllyatt and William Taylor, vicars-choral, to Thomas Fissher, Thomas Welsted, John Gibson, and other vicars-choral, respecting the collection of revenues from 18 acres of meadow called Waterlease, in the lane near Hoopers Gate, etc. Dated, 6 Aug., 25 Eliz.

Three round seals. (1) Initials I.W.

(2) A merchant's mark.

(3) From a gem, a bust in profile to the dexter.

Signatures of the four bondsmen.

801. 1584.—Bond by John Attwell of Wells, Somerset, yeoman, to John Gibson and Thomas Welsted, clerks, principals of the vicars-choral, in 5*l*., to keep clear the entry or passage leading to the well in the stables of the above principals, etc. Dated, 17 Oct., 1584, 26 Eliz.

Signature of Attwell.

Round seal ; an oak branch with three acorns.

802. 1584.—Lease by John Gybson and Thomas Welsted, principals, and the Fellowship of the New Close, to William Clarke of Wells, esq., William Slocombe, and John Slocombe, for their lives, of a house in Chamberlain st., Wells ; rent 10*s*. Dated, 6 Nov., 1584, 26 Eliz.

803. 1585.—Assignment by Thomas Gould, vicar-choral, to John Tabor of Estwalls, in the parish of St. Cuthbert, of the lease of an orchard in La Mountrey Lane, within the

barton of the stables of the vicars of the cathedral church, adjoining to the common garden of the vicars on the north side. Dated, 9 Aug., 27 Eliz., 1585.

(Signed) Thomas Goolde.

804. 1588.—Copy of court roll of the manor of Newton Placie, whereby Joseph Dunston is admitted to the tenement lately held by his father, William Dunston, in North Petherton. Dated, 30 April, 30 Eliz.

805. [1589–90.]—The first membrance only of an inspeximus by Queen Elizabeth of various charters granted, or similarly inspected, by her predecessors. Among them are recited at length :—

(1) Grant by King John to the churches of St. Andrew, Wells, and St. Peter, Bath, and to Josceline, bishop of Bath and Wells, etc., confirming possessions and privileges. Dated Gaydunton, 3 March, 8th year, [1206–7].

(2) Grant by Richard [I] to Reynold [FitzJoceline], bishop of Bath, to hunt with dogs throughout Somerset. Dated, Canterbury, 26 Nov., 1st year, [1189].

(3) Grant by Henry [III] to Josceline, bishop of Bath, of the manors of Winescombe, Pukeleschurche, Blackeford, and Crammere, etc. Dated, Westminster, 22 Jan., 11th year, [1226–7].

And many others.

According to the endorsement this document was dated in the 32nd year of the Queen, 1589–90.

806. 1589.—Concluding membrane of a royal document, dated Westminster, 12 June, 31 [Eliz.].

807. 1589.—Copy of an indenture of lease by Thomas Welstede and Humphrey Bailie, clerks, principals of the New Close, Wells, and the Fellowship of the same, to William Clothier of Croscome, Somerset, weaver, Dorothy his wife, and Judith their daughter, for their lives, of a tenement in Croscombe ; with power of attorney to Richard Collens and Roger Putwell to deliver seisin. Dated, 22 Nov., 1589. *English.*

808. 1590.—Grant by Thomas [Godwin], bishop of Bath and Wells, to John Lund, gent., his servant, and his assigns, of the office of keeper of the palace at Wells, and the custody of the same, and of the episcopal prison within the same, commonly called the "Cowhouse," and of the clerks and others now and hereafter being in the same, and of the bailiwick of the stock within the house or manor of Wells, commonly called "the office of storebayliffe," also the office of woodward; to hold for the lives of the above John Lund, Edward son of John Knowyle, esq., and Edward son

of John Parham, esq., at a salary of 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, with apartments and perquisites. Dated, 1 March, 32 Eliz.

Confirmation by the dean and chapter, dated Chapterhouse, Wells, 1 April, 1590, 32 Eliz.

Seals. (1) Broken seal; *obv.* a religious device, with inscribed label; *rev.* a small round seal with a shield of arms; two lions passant, on a canton, a roundle.

(2) Broken seal of the dean and chapter; on the *rev.* a small round seal; a stag's head, couped, on the neck a cinquefoil.

809. 1591.—Transcript, with English translation, of the charter of Queen Elizabeth, reciting and confirming to the college of vicars-choral of Wells Cathedral the former grants made from time to time of property, viz. rectories, tithes, manors, messuages, and lands, which form their revenue and support. Dated, Westminster, 25 Nov., 34 Eliz.

A book of 62 pages, bound up in a wrapper of parchment, being letters patent of Queen Mary confirming a grant by King Edward VI of an annual pension of 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to the mayor and burgesses of Wells, for distribution of alms to certain poor men of Wells. Dated, 2 Mary [1555].

The heading is a fine specimen of pen-work.

810. 1592.—Assignment by Thomas Zayer of Wells, yeoman, of a lease, dated 1 Oct., 18 Eliz., of a tenement in the New Works, and a garden in New Works gardens (granted to him by the dean and chapter of Wells, for 40 years at 26*s.* 8*d.* rent) to John Grenestret of Wells, gent., for 14*l.* Dated, 6 June, 34 Eliz., 1592. *English.*

Oval seal; a bust in profile to the sinister.

811. 1592.—Lease by the dean and chapter of Wells to Mary wife of Henry Wells, John son of Richard Anstey, and James Wells, son of the above Henry and Mary, of a tenement in the New Works and a garden in New Works gardens, for their lives; rent 26*s.* 8*d.* With a clause that the lessees shall not "make any stable, neyther keepe any beaste, that is to saye, horse, mare, gellding, rother beast, or any other uncleane beaste," &c.; lessees to do suit once a year at the law day holden at Cannon Barn. Dated, 1 July, 34 Eliz.

Round seal; a griffin passant.

812. 1594.—Lease by John Still, bishop of Bath and Wells, to Robert Smith of Westbury, Somerset, husbandman, for the lives of Agnes Smith wife of the said Robert, William Smith, his son, and Thomas Colliar, his son-in-law, of lands at Westbury; rent 7*s.* 6*d.* Dated, 5 April, 36 Eliz.

813. 1599.—Bond by the principals, seniors and vicars-choral of Wells Cathedral, to John Hewlett of Wells, gent., in 20*l.*, for due payment of 10*l.* Dated, 4 June, 41 Eliz.

1601–1618.

814. 1601.—Manor of Newton Plecy. Copy of court roll, the admission to lands in Catton, situate near Hellehole, and elsewhere, of Margaret Watts, widow of Peter Watts, which he demised to her in his will, herein quoted. Dated, SS. Simon and Jude, 43 Eliz.
Indorsed Newton.

815. 1603.—Extract from court roll of the principals, seniors and vicars-choral of Wells, at Fennes and Lyerthern, whereby William Jorden junior is admitted to the reversion of lands in Fennes, to hold for three lives. Dated, 5 May, 1 James I.

816. 1605.—Appointment by the dean and chapter of Wells of Robert [Cecil], earl of Salisbury, principal secretary of the king, and master of the Court of Wards and Liveries, and William Cecill, Lord Cecill, baron of Essingden and Viscount Crambowrne, his son and heir apparent, to be chief stewards for life, at a yearly salary of 4*l.*, with power of distress on the manor of Northcurrie. Dated, Chapterhouse, 4 Oct., 3 James I.

817. 1607.—Lease by the principals, seniors and vicars-choral in the quier of the cathedral church of Wells, to Thomas Dickes, Elinor his wife, and Alice their daughter, of Estwells in the parish of St. Cuthbert, for their lives, of a tenement in Estwells ; rent 9*s.* ; fine paid 40*s.* ; lessees to do suit at the vicars' courts in Dulcott and Wells. Dated, 10 Aug., 5 James I, 1607. *English.*

818. 1608.—Lease by the dean and chapter of Wells to William Bowre of Wells, gent., for 40 years, of two tenements in Sadler st., under one roof, having at the north end thereof a tower called Browne's Gate, and one in New st. ; rent 33*s.* 4*d.* Dated, . . Oct., 6 James I, 1608.
Oval seal ; a shield of arms ; 3 lions' faces [?] ; W.B. above the shield.

819. 1611.—Bond by Dorothy Jennyngs, widow of John Jenyngs, knt., and Thomas Bulbeck of Le Strondc, Middlesex, esq., to the dean and chapter of Wells, in 100 marks, to perform the covenants in a pair of indentures, dated 10 April, 2 Edw. VI, between the dean and chapter and John Iryshe of Yatton, being a lease of the rectory of Congresbury for 80 years. Dated, 27 April, 9 James I.

820. 1614.—Lease by the dean and chapter of Wells to Daniel Tuthill of Wells, mercer, Thamasen his wife, and Elizabeth Tuthill his natural daughter, for their lives, of a tenement in Chamberlyne st. ; rent 10*s.* Dated, 1 April, 12 James I.

821. 1617–8.—Lease by the dean and chapter of Wells to Thomas Maycock of Wells, M.A., of 1½ ac. of meadow and

pasture in Stowborowghfield, for the lives of Mary wife of Gerard Woodd, D.D., Roger and James Woodd, sons of the above Gerard and Mary; rent 6*s.* 8*d.* Dated, 3 Jan., 15 James I.

Oval seal; arms; quarterly, 1st and 4th, semy of crosslets fitchy, 3 demi-savages, with clubs over the right shoulder, a canton of France, with a difference 2nd, a pelican in her piety. 3rd, on a fess 3 crosses paty.

822. 1621.—Lease by the dean and chapter to Henry Knight of Wells, innholder, for 3 lives, of lands in the manor of Bicknaller; rent 6*s.* 8*d.* Dated, 2 July, 19 James I.

823. 1622–3.—Bond by Henry Attkins of Eastwells and Thomas Attwell of Winscomb to the principals, seniors and vicars-choral of Wells, in 30*l.*, to observe the covenants in an indenture of even date. Dated, 10 Jan., 20 James I.

824. 1633.—Fine between the dean and chapter of Wells, plts., and Francis Dodington, knt., and Alice his wife, def., of a messuage and lands in Stogumber and Bicknaller, and of the rectory of Stogumber; to hold to the dean and chapter for Alice's life. Michaelmas term, 9 Charles I.

825. 1634.—Bond by Thomas Gerarde of Trent, Somerset, esq., John Boys of Sock, esq., and William Saffine of Bicknaller, gent., to the dean and chapter of Wells in 500*l.*; relates to the presentation by the dean and chapter to the vicarage of Stogumer. Dated, 1 April, 10 Charles I, 1634.

Three seals. (1) Uncertain.

(2) Arms [? 3 peacocks in their pride].

(3) Initials w.s.

826. 1660.—Lease by the principals, seniors and vicars-choral of Wells Cathedral, to Elizabeth, Mary and Richard, children of Joseph Hill of Wells, clothier, for their lives, of a tenement in High st., Wells; rent 13*s.* 4*d.*; fine 28*l.* Dated, 29 Sept., 12 Charles II.

827. 1660–1.—Release by Katherine Slatford of Oxford, widow, to Thomas Heath of Wells, gent., of all her right to lands lying behind Mundaie Meade in Wells. Dated, 19 Feb., 13 Charles II, 1660.

Round seal; an eagle rising.

828. 1661.—Certificate, under the hand of William [Piers], bishop of Bath and Wells, of the admission of Henry Dutton, clerk, M.A., to the prebend or canonry of Eastharptry, Somerset, in due form. Dated, 1 April, 1660, 13 Charles II.*

* The month in different ink; ? prepared for execution earlier in the year.

1661–1715.

829. 1661.—Lease by the dean and chapter of Wells to Gideon Brooke, of St. Cuthbert's parish, husbandman, for 3 lives, of a close of 4 acres called Gildenhurst, in the parish of St. Cuthbert's; rent 6*s.* 8*d.* Dated, 9 April, 13 Charles II, 1661.

830. 1661.—Lease by the dean and chapter of Wells to Alexander Jett of Wells, notary public, for 40 years, of the camery on the south side of the cathedral; rent 1*s.* 8*d.*; lessee to do suit at the law-day at Canon Barn twice a year. Dated, 11 April, 1661, 13 Charles II.

831. 1661.—Counterpart of no. 830.

832. 1662.—Agreement between the dean and chapter of Wells and Robert Taunton of Bristol, organ-maker; Taunton is to build "a fair well-tuned usefull and beutifull double organ" in the cathedral, at a cost of 800*l.* or less, according to the award of the surveyors when the work shall be completed. The dimensions and the stops of the instrument are enumerated. Dated, 3 July, 1662.

Seal, pointed oval; much injured by compression; a coarsely designed figure of St. Andrew with his cross. On the back—Ermine, a lion rampant; crest, a cubit arm, or perhaps a lion's jamb, holding a sword.

833. 1672.—Court roll of the hallmot, &c., of the dean and chapter of Wells, held at North Cory, 15 April, 24 Charles II, 1672. William Fane, S.T.P., steward.

Court Roll of the manor of North Curry, 16 July, 24 Charles II, 1672.

834. 1675.—Surrender by John Gough the elder of Milverton, Somerset, yeoman, to William Pearce, D.D., archdeacon of Taunton, of a lease of lands called Ham and Minster lands, in Milverton and Langford Budvill, Somerset. Dated, 24 Aug., 27 Charles II, 1675.

835. 1696–1715.—Statement of the accounts of the "Almeshouse" at Wells, by the following masters:—

William Paris, 3 Feb., 1696, to Michaelmas, 1712.

Mrs. Wood, administratrix of Mr. Parris, Michaelmas, 1712, to Michaelmas, 1713.

Rev. John Pope, Michaelmas, 1713, to Michaelmas, 1715.

836. 1332.—Extract from the register of the bishop of Bath and Wells, containing:—

(1) *Articuli pro visitatione facienda in ecclesia Wellensi per dominum decanum.*

(2) Citation of the vicars, canons, &c., to attend at the Chapterhouse, on the occasion of the visitation by John de Charlton, dean; *s.d.*

1452–1668.

(3) Statement by the said dean of the matters requiring correction, as found at the visitation lately held. Dated, Wells, 2 non. November, 1332.

837. 1452–3.—Calendar of the canons residentiary in Wells Cathedral, from Michaelmas, 1452, to Michaelmas, 1453; with a list of fees, &c.

838. 1519–20.—Calendar of the canons residentiary in Wells Cathedral, from 1 October, 1519, 11 Hen. VIII, to 1 October, 1520, 12 Hen. VIII, in the time of John Bekham, *Bach. Decret.*, steward, and Roger Church, *Decret. Doctor*, communar. With a list of fees, &c.

839. 1587.—Inhibition by John [Whitgift], archbishop of Canterbury, directed to the dean and chapter of Wells, to stay the exercise of their jurisdiction, in view of a visitation which he is about to make. Dated, 3 June, 1587.

840. 1587.—Commission by John [Whitgift], archbishop of Canterbury, to the dean, subdean or president, and chapter of Wells, to cite all the dignitaries and members of the cathedral foundation, to appear before him in the Chapterhouse on Tuesday, 19 Sept. instant. Dated, 2 Sept., 1587.

841. 1590–1.—Inhibition by John [Whitgift], archbishop of Canterbury, directed to the dean and chapter of Bath and Wells, to stay the exercise of their jurisdiction in view of a visitation which he is about to make. Dated, 15 Jan. 1590.

842. 1591.—Commission by John [Whitgift], archbishop of Canterbury, to the dean and chapter of Wells, to cite all the dignitaries and members of the cathedral foundation to appear before him in the Chapterhouse on Friday, 20 Aug. next. Dated, 5 July, 1591.

843. 1634.—Warrant by George Warburton, clerk, M.A., dean of Wells, to Humfrey Marsh, sacrist and mandatory, reciting the letters of William [Laud], archbishop of Canterbury, whereby he gives notice of an intention to make a visitation of the cathedral, dated 3 April, 1634, and commanding him to put up the accustomed notices in the cathedral church. Dated, 10 May, 1634.

844. 1665–6.—Power of attorney by the dean and chapter of Wells, to John Selleck, D.D., the steward, and Grindall Sheafe, D.D., the "comminor," to sue and implead all persons in arrear with their rents due to the said dean and chapter, &c. Dated, 6 Feb., 18 Charles II, 1665.

845. 1668.—Power of attorney by the dean and chapter of Wells, to Nicholas Dowthwaite and John York, to demand

1669–1676.

the sum of 20*l.*, a half year's rent due by George Bisse, esq., for the rectory and parsonage of St. Cuthbert's and the Canon Barn, &c. Dated, 26 Oct., 1668.

846. 1669.—Power of attorney by the dean and chapter of Wells, to Nicholas Dowthwaite and others, to demand 9*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, being a half year's rent due by William Beaton for the rectory and parsonage of Mudford, Somerset. Dated, 8 April, 1669.

847. 1669–70.—Power of attorney by the dean and chapter of Wells, to Nicholas Dowthwaite, gent., John Yorke, gent., and others, to demand arrears of rent due to the dean and chapter by Valentine Powell, gent., for a tenement in the New Works, in Wells. Dated, 5 Jan., 1669.

848. 1670.—Royal assent by Charles II to the election, by the dean and chapter of Wells, of Robert Creighton, S.T.P., dean of Wells, to be bishop ; and restitution of temporalities to the same. Dated, 5 July, *anno* 22.

Engraved portrait of the king.

Impression of the great seal, appended by threads of gold and silver, plaited.

849. 1671.—Power of attorney by the dean and chapter of Wells, to Robert Canington, and others, to demand and recover a half year's rent due to them by Nicholas Ducke, esq., for a messuage in College Lane. Dated, 8 April, 1671.

850. 1671.—Power of attorney by the dean and chapter of Wells, to John Grey, and others, to recover arrears of rent from various tenants and leaseholders, during pleasure of the dean and chapter. Dated, 5 July, 23 Charles II, 1671.

851. 1673.—Power of attorney by the dean and chapter of Wells, to Nicholas Dowthwaite and others, to demand 9*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, a half year's rent due to the dean and chapter by Hester Beaton for the rectory of Mudford, etc. Dated, 9 Oct., 1673.

852. 1674.—Power of attorney by the dean and chapter of Wells, to James Gilbard, to recover arrears of rents, etc., due from tenants and others of the various manors and lands in possession of the dean and chapter, during pleasure. Dated, 26 Oct., 26 Charles II, 1674.

853. 1676.—Power of attorney by the dean and chapter of Wells, to James Gilbert and Allen Lawe of Wells, gents., to demand arrears of rent due by Thomazine Marshall for a tenement and garden in Tor Lane, Wells. Dated, 8 April, 28 Charles II, 1676.

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854. 1680.—Appointment of Morgan Jones, clerk, M.A., to be proxy for Edward Waple, clerk, S.T.B., prebendary of Wiveliscombe in Wells Cathedral. Dated, 23 June, 1680.

855. 1680.—Appointment of Robert Creyghton, S.T.P., canon residentiary of Wells, to be proxy for Thomas Holt, S.T.P., canon residentiary. Dated, 3 July, 1680.
Printed form on paper. *Latin.**

856. 1683.—Power of attorney by the dean and chapter of Wells, to Allen Lawe, to demand arrears of rent due to them by James Clutterbooke of Wells, in trust for Elioner Phippen, for a tenement in Sadler st., called the "Hart's Head." Dated, 26 Oct., 35 Charles II, 1683.

857. 1683.—Appointment of Robert Creyghton, S.T.P., precentor and canon residentiary, to be proxy for John Selleck, S.T.P., canon residentiary of Wells. Dated, 14 November, 1683.

858. 1683.—Appointment of Robert Creyghton, S.T.P., precentor and canon residentiary, to be proxy for Henry Dutton, S.T.P., canon residentiary. Dated, 14 Nov., 1683.

859. 1684.—*Congé d'élire* by Charles II to the dean and chapter of Wells, to elect a bishop in place of Peter Mew, translated to the see of Winchester. Dated, 3 Dec., *anno* 36, 1684.
Engraved portrait of the king.
Fine impression of the great seal, appended by threads of gold and silver, plaited.

860. 1687.—Appointment of Robert Creyghton, S.T.P., precentor and canon residentiary, Edwin Sandys, M.A., archdeacon of Wells and canon residentiary, and Henry Dutton, S.T.B., canon residentiary, to be proxies for William Levinz, clerk, M.D., subdean and canon residentiary. Dated, 2 Oct., 1687.

861. 1687.—Appointment of Robert Creyghton, S.T.P., canon residentiary, to be proxy for John Selleck, S.T.P., canon residentiary, in voting for the presentation of Joseph Shallett, clerk, M.A., to the vicarage of Chedder, vacant by the death of John Cooper, clerk, late incumbent. Dated, 6 Nov., 1687.
Oval seal; a shield of arms; three oak leaves between two chains in bend.

862. 1689.—Appointment of Robert Creyghton, S.T.P., precentor, Edwin Sandys, M.A., archdeacon of Wells, and Thomas Brickenden, S.T.B., canons residentiary, to be proxies

* Subsequent appointments of proxies are on these printed forms.

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for Henry Dutton, clerk, S.T.P., canon residentiary. Dated, 3 Oct., 1689.

863. 1689.—Appointment of Robert Creyghton, S.T.P., precentor, Henry Dutton, S.T.P., and Thomas Brickenden, S.T.B., canons residentiary, to be proxies for Edwin Sandys, clerk, M.A., archdeacon of Wells. Dated, 3 Oct., 1689.

Paper seal of the archdeaconry, a cross of St. Andrew. SIGILLVM PRO IVRISDICTIONE.

864. 1689.—Appointment of Robert [Creyghton], clerk, S.T.P., precentor, Edwin Sandys, clerk, M.A., archdeacon of Wells, and others, to be proxies for William Levinz, subdean of Wells. Dated, 26 Oct., 1689. *Mutilated.*

865. 1689–90.—Accounts of the dean and chapter of Wells (*sede vacante*) as collectors of the tenths of the clergy within the diocese, by Richard Healey, gent., subcollector, for one year ending Christmas, 1690.

866. 1691.—*Congé d'élire* by William and Mary, to the dean and chapter of Wells, to elect a new bishop in place of Thomas Kenn, S.T.P., lately deprived. Dated, 22 June, *anno* 3.

Engraved portraits of the king and queen.

Fine impression of the great seal, appended by threads of gold and silver, plaited.

867. 1691.—Recommendation by the king of the Rev. Richard Kidder, D.D., dean of Peterborough, for election to the bishopric of Bath and Wells, in place of Dr. Thomas Kenn, deprived for not taking the oaths. Dated, Westminster, 22 June, 3 William and Mary.

Paper signet of the king and queen.

The signature and style have been cut from the top.

868. 1691.—Appointment of Mr. Lasher to be proxy for Hamnet Ward, prebendary of Combe I, in the election of Dr. Richard Kidder to be bishop of Bath and Wells. Dated, 11 July, 1691.

Holograph.

Seal; a bird rising.

869. 1692–3.—Appointment of Joseph Shallett, clerk, and Eldridge Aris, clerk, to be proxies for Henry Margetts, clerk, M.A., prebendary of Haselbeer. Dated, 8 March, 1692.

Seal; two lions passant in pale.

870. 1692–3.—Appointment of Joshua Laske and Eldridge Aris, clerks, to be proxies for John Taylour, clerk, M.A., prebendary of East Harptry. Dated, 16 March, 1692.

Seal; a lion rampant.

1693–1727.

871. 1693.—Lease by William Levinze, M.D., prebendary of Holcombe Burnell, in Wells Cathedral, to Edward Champernowne of Holcombe Burnell, Devon, gent., for 3 lives, of the parsonage coppice of Holcombe Burnell; rent 12*d.* Dated, 7 Nov., 5 William and Mary, 1693.

Seal; ermine, a chevron vair [?]. Crest, a snake nowed [?].

872. 1698–9.—Appointment of Robert Creyghton, S.T.P., precentor and canon residentiary, Edwin Sandys, M.A., archdeacon of Wells, and others, canons residentiary, to be proxies for Thomas Lessey, M.A., prebendary of Combe III. Dated, 28 Jan., 1698.

Seal; a chevron between three stags' heads cabossed. Crest, a stag's head cabossed.

873. 1702–3.—Accounts of the dean and chapter of Wells (*sede vacante*) as collectors of the tenths of the clergy within the diocese, by Richard Healey, subcollector, for one year ending Christmas, 1703.

874. 1703–4.—*Congé d'élire* by Queen Anne to the dean and chapter of Wells, to elect a bishop in place of Richard Kidder, late bishop, deceased. Dated, 7 Jan., *anno* 2.

Engraved portrait of the queen.

Fine impression of the great seal, cracked, appended by threads of gold and silver, plaited.

875. 1703–4.—Recommendation by the queen of Dr. George Hooper, bishop of St. Asaph, for election to the bishopric of Bath and Wells, in place of Dr. R. Kidder, deceased. Dated, 7 Jan., 2 Anne.

Paper signet.

The signature, etc., have been cut away from the top.

876. 1708.—Appointment of Robert Creyghton, S.T.P., canon residentiary and precentor, Samuel Hill, M.A., archdeacon of Wells, and others, to be proxies for William Clement, M.A., canon residentiary of Wells. Dated, 1 Nov., 1708.

Seal; 3 Cornish choughs [?], within a border charged with eight roundles.

877. 1712–13.—Appointment of Robert Creyghton, S.T.P., canon residentiary and precentor, and others, to be proxies for William Hunt, M.A., canon residentiary. Dated, 9 Feb., 1712.

Seal; a merchant's mark with the initials T.L.

878. 1727.—Appointment of Robert Creyghton, S.T.P., canon residentiary and precentor, and others, to be proxies for William Hunt, S.T.P., canon residentiary. Dated, . . Aug., 1727.

Not executed.

1727–1728.

879. 1727.—Citation by William [Wake], archbishop of Canterbury, of the dean and chapter of Wells, to appear at the forthcoming meeting of convocation, the dean personally, the chapter by proctor. Dated, Lambeth, 21 Sept., 1727.

880. 1727.—*Congé d'élire* by George II to the dean and chapter of Wells, to elect a bishop in place of George Hooper, late bishop, deceased. Dated, 28 Sept., *anno* 1.

Engraved portrait of the king.

Impression of the great seal, appended by threads of gold and silver, plaited.

881. 1727.—Recommendation by the king of Dr. John Wynne, bishop of St. Asaph, for election to the bishopric of Bath and Wells, in place of Dr. George Hooper, deceased. Dated, 28 Sept., *anno* 1.

Paper signet.

The signature, &c., have been cut away from the top.

882. 1727.—Commission by Samuel Lisle, S.T.P., archdeacon of Canterbury, to the dean and chapter of Wells, to induct, install, and enthrone John [Wynne], bishop of St. Asaph, as bishop of Bath and Wells. Dated, 18 Nov., 1727.

Oval seal, covered with paper; a pyramid, above it the motto: FLARVNT VENTI ET NON CORRVIT. Legend on a ribbon: SIGILLVM SAMVELIS LISLE, S.T.P. ARCHIDIACONI CANTVARIENSIS, 1724.

883. 1728.—Appointment of Matthew Brailsford, S.T.P., dean of Wells, and others, to be proxies for Robert Creyghton, S.T.P., precentor and canon residentiary. Dated, ——, —— 1728.

Not executed.

884. 1728.—Appointment of Matthew Brailsford, S.T.P., dean, and others, to be proxies for Marshall Brydges, M.A., chancellor and canon residentiary. Dated, 19 July, 1728.

Seal; a cross, thereon a leopard's face.

885. 1728.—Appointment of Matthew Brailsford, S.T.P., dean, and others, to be proxies for William Hunt, S.T.P., archdeacon of Bath and canon residentiary of Wells. Dated, 5 Aug., 1728.

Seal; a bend between 6 roundels, a crescent for difference.

886. 1728.—Appointment of Matthew Brailsford, S.T.P., dean, and others, to be proxies for Roger Humphryes, M.A., chancellor and canon residentiary of Wells. Dated, 11 October, 1728.

Seal; a lion rampant.

1729–1743.

887. 1729.—Appointment of Matthew Brailsford, S.T.P., dean, and others, to be proxies for Timothy Collins, M.A., subdean and canon residentiary. Dated, 24 June, 1729.
Oval seal; a griffin segreant, impaling two lions passant in pale between nine crosslets, 3, 3 and 3.

888. 1729.—Appointment of Matthew Brailsford, S.T.P., dean, and others, to be proxies for Lawson Hudleston, M.A., canon residentiary. Dated, 19 Dec., 1729.
Seal; fretty.

889. 1730.—Appointment of William Hunt, S.T.P., archdeacon of Bath, and others, to be proxies for Matthew Brailsford, S.T.P., dean of Wells, Dated, 6 June, 1730.
Seal; a cinquefoil, pierced; crest, a demi-lion rampant holding a cinquefoil.

890. 1730–1.—Appointment by the dean and chapter of Wells, of James Nooth of Wells, to receive certain specified rents due to them. Dated, 19 Jan., 1730.

891. 1735–6.—Appointment by the dean and chapter, of Robert Woodford, LL.B., treasurer and canon residentiary, to be official and commissary of the diocese. Dated, 1 March, 1735.
Altered to represent a similar appointment of Richard Jenkins, M.A., canon residentiary. Dated, —, 1757.

892. 1738.—Appointment of Matthew Brailsford, S.T.P., dean, and others, to be proxies for John Rogers, S.T.P., subdean and canon residentiary. Dated, 22 Oct., 1738.
Seal; per fess, a fleur-de-lis in chief and a mullet in base.

893. 1739.—Grant by John [Wynne], bishop of Bath and Wells, to Francis Squire, M.A., prebendary of Warminster, of the canonical house, then ruinous, near Tor Lane. Dated, 30 June, 1739.

894. 1739.—Licence by Thomas Eyre, M.A., vicar-general and official principal of John [Wynne], bishop of Bath and Wells, to Robert Holloway of Wells, gent., to be a proctor in the consistorial episcopal court of Wells. Dated, 7 Aug., 1739.

895. 1741–2.—Appointment by Francis Squire, M.A., chancellor and canon residentiary, of Charles Prowse of Croydon, Somerset, to be chapter clerk of the dean and chapter of Wells, in succession to John Paine, deceased. Dated, 1 Jan., 15 George II, 1741.

896. 1743.—*Congé d'élire* by George II to the dean and chapter of Wells, to elect a bishop in place of Dr. John Wynn, deceased. Dated, 16 Sept., *anno* 17.
Engraved portrait of the king.

1743–1755.

Impression of the great seal, appended by threads of gold and silver, plaited.

897. 1743.—Recommendation by George II to the dean and chapter of Wells, in favour of the election of Edward Willes, bishop of St. David's, to the bishopric of Bath and Wells, vacant by the death of Dr. John Wynn, late bishop. Dated, Westminster, 16 Sept., 1743, 17 George II.

Paper signet.

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898. 1743.—Letters mandatory of the dean and chapter of Wells, to John Brice and James Curtis, mandatories, setting forth the royal licence to elect a bishop in place of Dr. John Wynne, deceased, and ordering a citation of all the dignitaries of the foundation to attend at the election, fixed to be held on 30 September next. Dated, 24 Sept., 1743.

With a schedule of the members of the cathedral foundation entitled to vote.

899. 1743.—Commission by Samuel Lisle, D.D., archdeacon of Canterbury, to the dean and chapter of Wells, to induct, install, and enthrone Edward [Willes], bishop of St. David's, as bishop of Bath and Wells. Dated, 15 Dec., 1743.

Seal as no. 882.

900. 1743.—Proxy by Edward Willes, D.D., elected and confirmed bishop of Bath and Wells, to Robert Woodford, LL.B., treasurer and canon residentiary of Wells, and Francis White, D.D., canon residentiary of Wells, to "procure us to be inducted, installed and inthroned into the real, actual and corporal possession of the episcopal see of Bath and Wells." &c. Dated, 17 Dec., 1743.

Signature and seal cut away.

901. 1747.—Proxy by the dean and chapter, to Timothy Collins, M.A., subdean and canon residentiary, to represent them in convocation on 19 August. Dated, 12 Aug., 1747.

902. 1748.—Appointment by Charles Prowse of Old Cleeve, Somerset, esq., auditor of accounts of the dean and chapter, of Conand Prowse of Wells, gent., and William Nooth of the same, to be his deputies, jointly and severally to exercise the same office; with recital of the original deed of appointment. Dated, 20 Oct., 22 George II, 1748.

Seal; three lions rampant within a border. Crest: a talbot's head erased [?].

903. 1755.—Power of attorney by the dean and chapter, to Robert Wheeler, clerk, M.A., and Richard Jenkins, clerk, M.A., to collect rents, fees, &c. Dated, 11 Oct., 1755.

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904. 1765.—Power of attorney by the dean and chapter, to John Walker, clerk, M.A., to collect rents, fees, &c. Dated, 2 Jan., 1765.

905. 1770.—Appointment by the dean and chapter, of Robert Wilson, M.A., canon residentiary, to be official and commissary of the diocese of Bath and Wells, during pleasure. Dated, 6 Oct., 1770.

906. 1779.—Collation by the dean and chapter, of Phipps Weston, B.D., prebendary of Henstridge, to the canonical house on the west side of Canon Barn, in the liberty of the St. Andrew. Dated, 13 Sept., 1779.

907. 1780.—Proxy by the dean and chapter, to Phipps Weston, B.D., canon residentiary, to represent them in convocation on 1 November. Dated, 23 Oct., 1780.

908. 1781.—Appointment by the dean and chapter, of Benjamin Andrews of Wells, notary public, to be register and scribe of the acts in all the peculiar ecclesiastical jurisdictions of the cathedral (named). Dated, 2 April, 1781.

909. 1781.—Appointment by the dean and chapter, of Benjamin Andrews of Wells, gent., to be auditor of accounts, &c., at a yearly salary of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Dated, 2 April, 1781.

910. 1781.—Appointment by the dean and chapter, of Benjamin Andrews of Wells, gent., to be clerk of the courts, lordships, manors, lands and tenements in the counties of Somerset, Gloucester, and Dorset, &c., at a yearly salary of 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Dated, 2 April, 1781.

911. 1784.—Proxy by the dean and chapter, to Phipps Weston, B.D., canon residentiary, to represent them in convocation on 19 May. Dated, 13 May, 1784.

912. 1786.—General release by the dean and chapter, to John Chilcot, labourer, and many others, of Wiveliscombe, Lydeard St. Lawrence, Brumpton Ralph and Clatworthy. Dated, 17 Aug., 1786.

913. 1796.—Proxy by the dean and chapter, to the Rev. Walker King, D.D., canon residentiary, to represent them in convocation on 13 July. Dated, 8 July, 1796.

914. 1800.—Collation by Charles [Moss], bishop of Bath and Wells, of Charles Thomas Barker, B.D., to the prebend or canonry of Combe III, on the death of John Prowse. Dated, 22 Aug., 1800.

915. 1802.—Appointment by the dean and chapter, of John Turner, clerk, M.A., archdeacon of Taunton and canon

residentiary, to be official and commissary of the diocese. Dated, 1 Oct., 1802.

916. 1803.—Appointment by the dean and chapter, of John Andrews of Wells, gent., to be auditor of accounts, for life, at a yearly salary of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Dated, 1 Oct., 1803.

917. 1803.—Appointment by the dean and chapter, of John Andrews of Wells, gent., to be clerk of the courts, lordships, manors, &c., during pleasure, at a yearly salary of 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Dated, 1 Oct., 1803.

918. 1803.—Appointment by the dean and chapter, of John Andrews of Wells, notary public, to be register and scribe of the acts, for life. Dated, 1 Oct., 1803.

919. 1810.—Bond by the dean and chapter, to John Gartside of Bath and James Charles Still of East Knoyle, Wilts, esqs., in 1,000*l.*, to abide by an arbitration respecting claims for dilapidation of the chancel of North Curry Church. Dated, 8 Sept., 1810.

920. 1812.—Grant by the dean and chapter, to Charles Thomas Barker, B.D., subdean and prebendary of Combe III, of the canonical house on the east side of Canon Barn, in the liberty of St. Andrew. Dated, 29 May, 1812.

Attached is a power of attorney by the above Charles Thomas Barker to William Melliar and another, to take possession of the above house. Dated, 19 May, 1812.

921. 1812.—Grant by the dean and chapter, to Walker [King], bishop of Rochester, prebendary of Wiveliscombe, and canon residentiary of Wells, of the canonical house, etc., on the east side of Mountroy Lane, in the liberty of St. Andrew. Dated, 29 May, 1812.

Attached is a power of attorney by the said bishop to William Melliar and another, to take possession of the above premises. Dated, 19 May, 1812.

922. 1812.—Proxy by the dean and chapter, to George Trevelyan, LL.B., canon residentiary, to represent them in convocation on 25 November. Dated, 10 Nov., 1812.

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